

ACECs within the Pinto Lucerne Valley and Eastern Slopes Subarea

#	Proposed ACECs
7	Bighorn East
/	(covered in Old Woman Springs Wildlife Linkage)
8	Bighorn West
0	(covered in Old Woman Springs Wildlife Linkage)
1.5	Carbonate Plant Expansion
15	(covered in Carbonate Plants, see below)
28	Granite Mountain Corridor
39	Northern Lucerne Wildlife Linkage
41	Old Woman Springs Wildlife Linkage
49	Pipes Canyon

#	Existing ACECs (within DRECP boundary)
8	Big Morongo Canyon
12	Carbonate Endemic Plants RNA
38	Juniper Flats
53	Mojave Monkeyflower (the Daggett Ridge Unit)
58	Ord-Rodman
63	Pinto Mountains
69	Rodman Mountains Cultural Area
77	Soggy Dry Lake Creosote Rings
82	Upper Johnson Valley Yucca Rings

Granite Mountain Wildlife Linkage

Description/Location: Bounded on the south by San Bernardino National Forest and on the north by the Bendire's Thrasher ACEC, this wildlife corridor linkage area is sandwiched between Lucerne Valley and Apple Valley and includes Granite Mountain.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: new proposal

Relevance and Importance Criteria: Relevant biological resources including wildlife and plant assemblages. The area is critical for bighorn sheep, golden eagles, desert tortoise, prairie falcons and several other species. Additionally, numerous rare and sensitive plants have major populations here, making the area regionally significant. The area provides critical links for wildlife populations to the north and south of this linkage area. Without this corridor the towns of Lucerne Valley and Apple Valley will merge and create a block for wildlife movement.

Goals: Protect biological values, including habitat quality, populations of sensitive species, and landscape connectivity while providing for compatible public uses.

For NLCS Lands: Where this ruleset differs from the plan-wide NLCS rulesets, the more restrictive rules will apply.

Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

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Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	0	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	3,100	39,400	0	0.25%
1	0	39,400	0	0.25%
2	0	0	0	NA
3	0	39, 400	0	0.10%
4	0	37,200	0	0.25%

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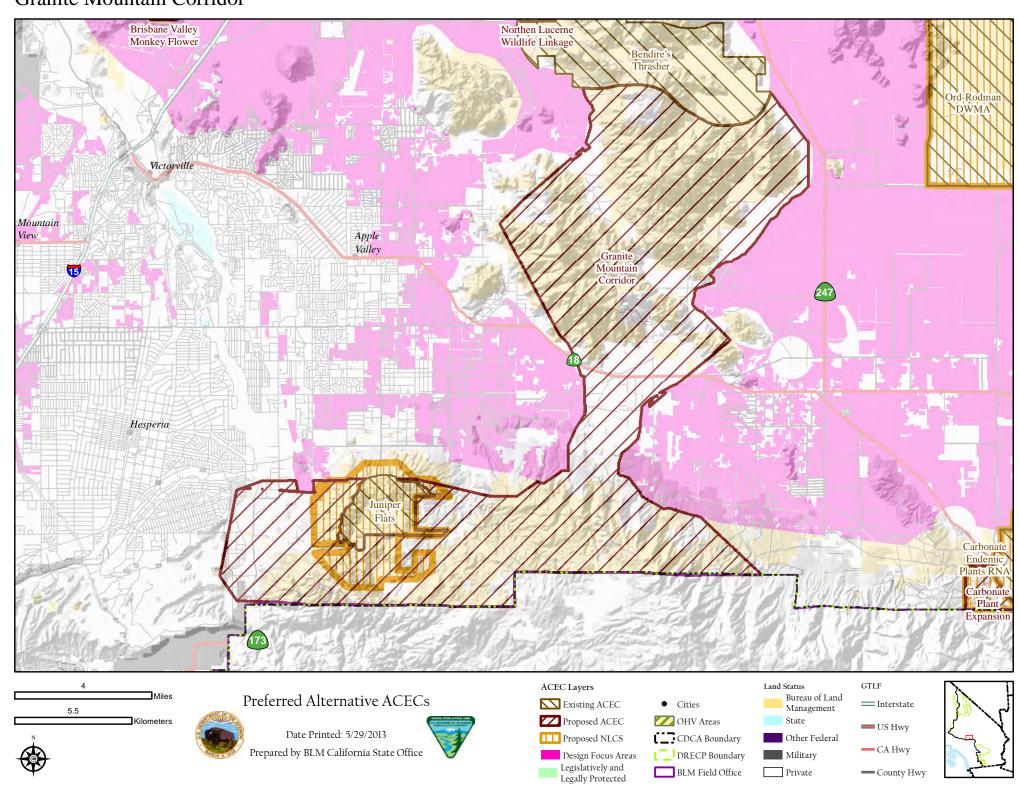
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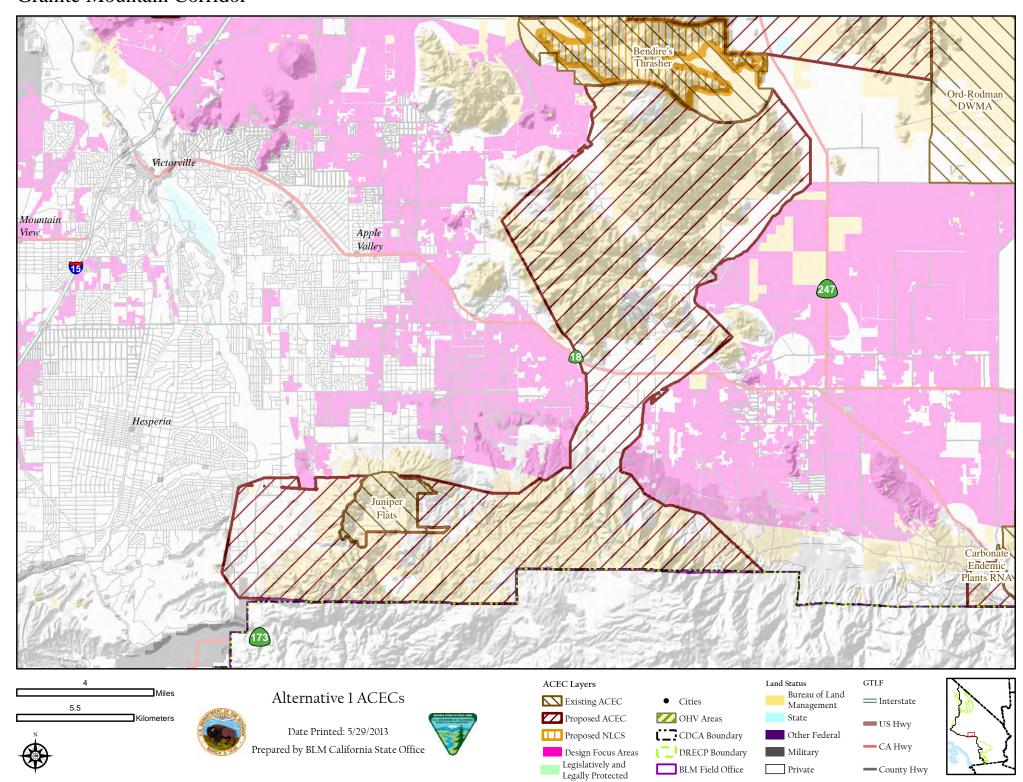
Under All Alternatives, except Alternative 2—This area would be identified as an ACEC and would be managed to support and maintain wildlife connectivity.

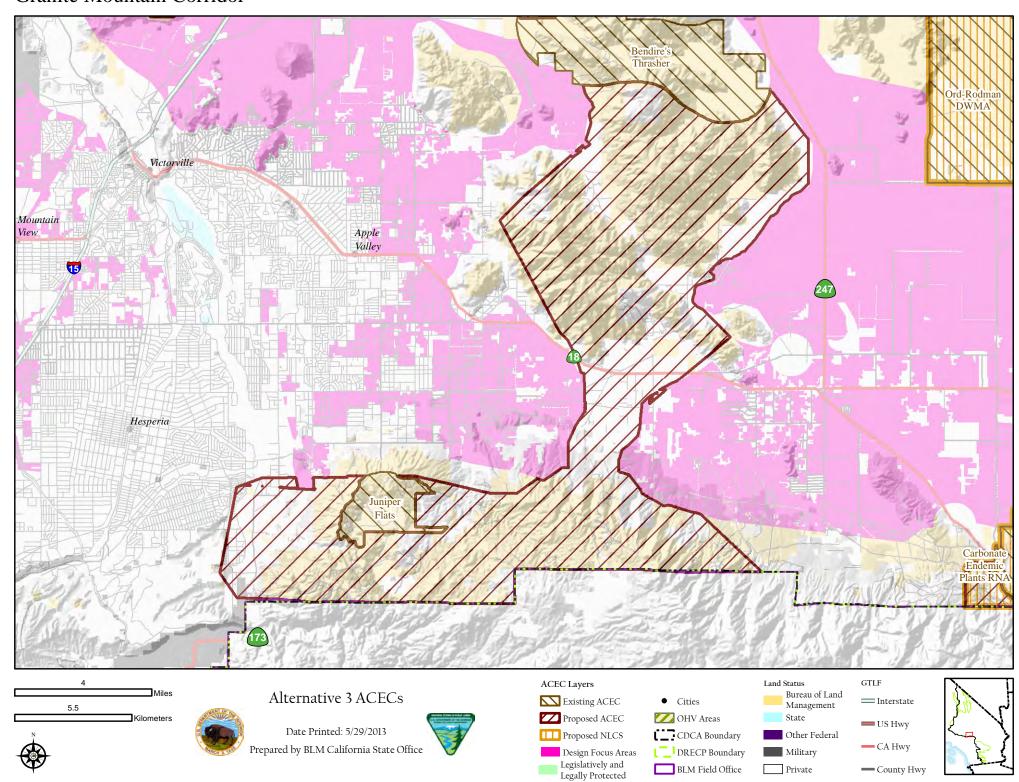
Under Alternative 2- This conservation area would not be designated, as most of the corridor would be designated as a Development Focus Area. The remaining portion was determined to be too narrow to provide meaningful connectivity.

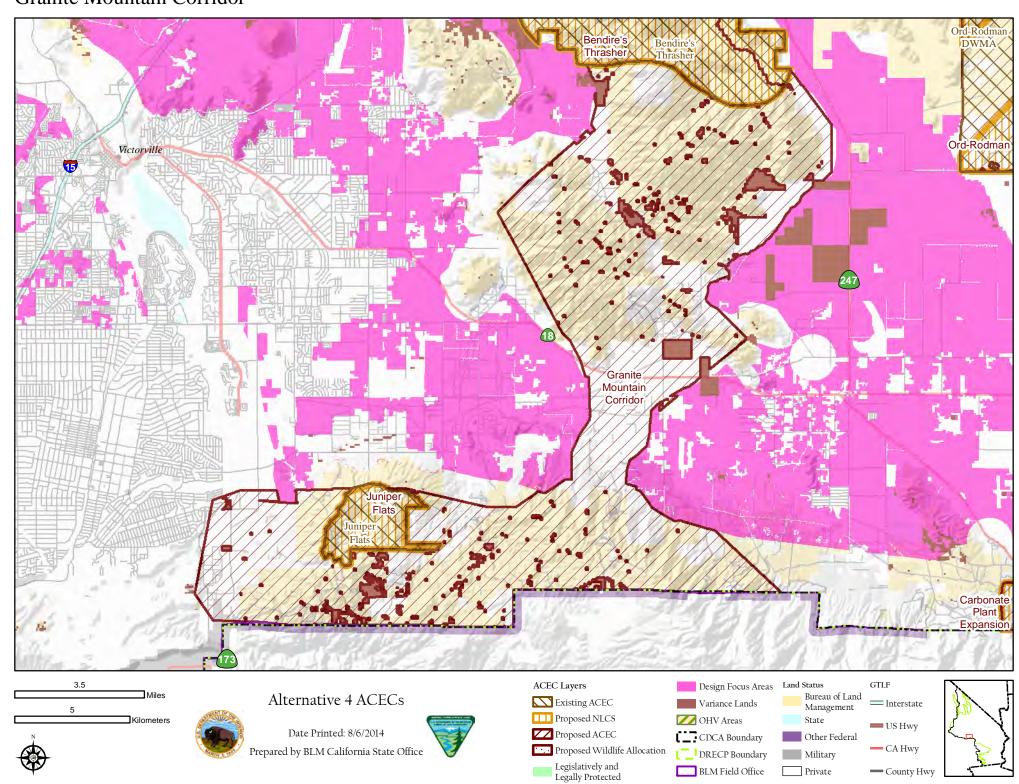
No Action – this conservation area would not exist, as it does not exist currently.

Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
Objective: Maintain or Improve condition of vegetation	Vegetation – Including
Management Action1: Remove invasive plants, rehabilitate/revegetated	special status species
disturbed areas	
Management Action 2: Protect populations of special status plants	
Known rare plants:	
Cymopterus multinervatus	
Erioigonum ovalifoilum var vineum	
Acanthoscyphus parishi var goodmaniana	
Saltugilia latimeri	
Management Action 3: Protect rare natural communities from impacts.	
Objective: Protect Golden Eagle nesting sites	Fish and Wildlife Including
Management Action: Protect nesting habitat, ensure productive nesting	special status species
Objective: Protect and enhance sensitive wildlife habitat	
Desert tortoise	
LeContes thrasher	
San diego pocket mouse	
Prairie falcon	
Golden eagles	
Mohave ground squirrel	
Management Action: Maintain viable populations and connections between	
other ACECs and critical habitat	
Objective: Reduce habitat impacts associated with vehicle use	Trails and Travel
Management Action: All legal open routes will be signed, all routes identified	Management
as closed will be rehabilitated/restored, restore all undesignated OHV routes	
Objective: Consolidate management	Land Tenure
Management Action: Acquire all inholdings from willing sellers	
Objective: Maintain habitat connectivity	Rights of Way (ROW)
Management Action: New ROW proposals must not interfere with or inhibit	
wildlife crossing and movement through the area	
Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with	Renewable Energy
NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria	Nenewable Lifeigy
Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development	
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Description/Location: Connects Ord-Rodman ACEC to the Mojave monkey flower ACEC and Bendire's Thrasher ACEC and is approximately 16 miles south-southwest of Barstow.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: new proposal

Relevance and Importance Criteria: Relevant biological resources including wildlife and plant assemblages. The area is critical for bighorn sheep, golden eagles, desert tortoise, prairie falcons and several other species. Additionally, numerous rare and sensitive plants have major populations here, making the area regionally significant. The area provides critical links for wildlife populations to the north and south of this linkage area. Without this corridor the towns of Lucerne Valley and Apple Valley will merge and create a block for wildlife movement.

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Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	0	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	0	22,800	0	0.5%
1	0	32,900	0	0.5%
2	0	0	0	NA
3	0	23,500	0	0.5%
4	0	21,100	0	0.25%

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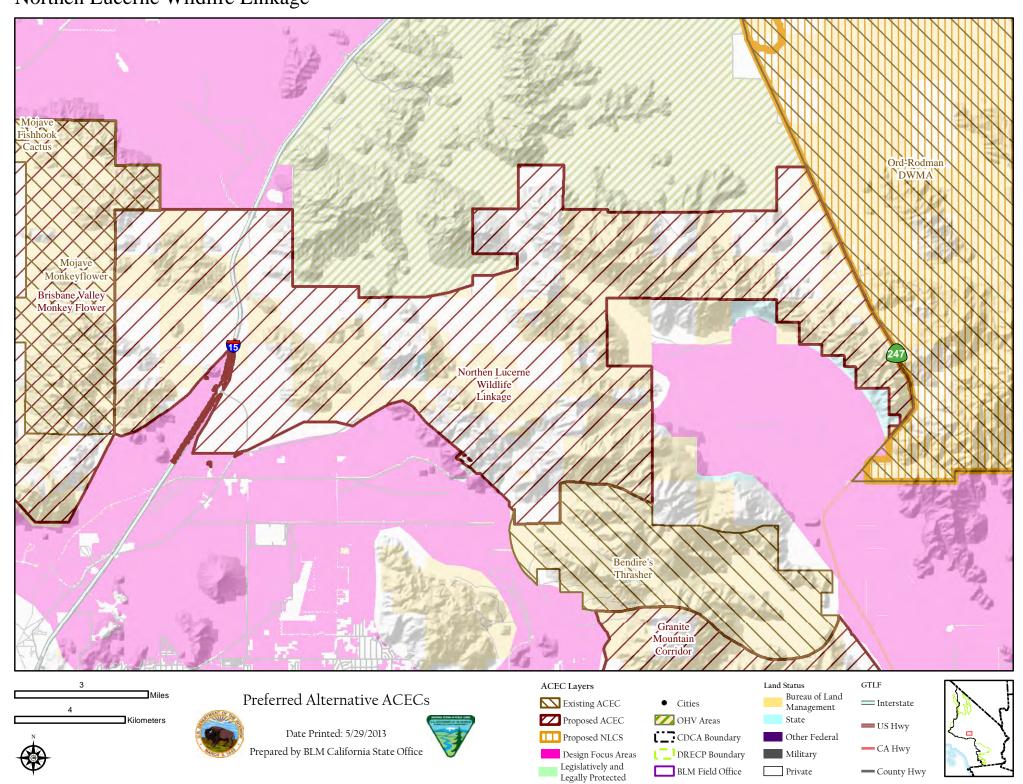
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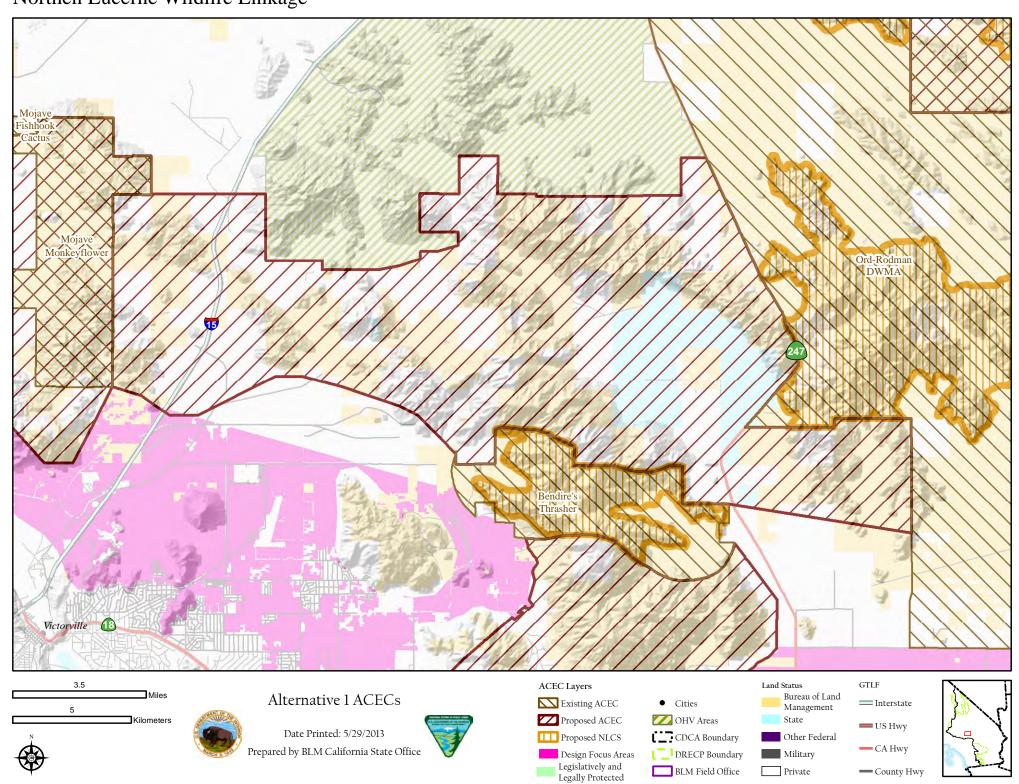
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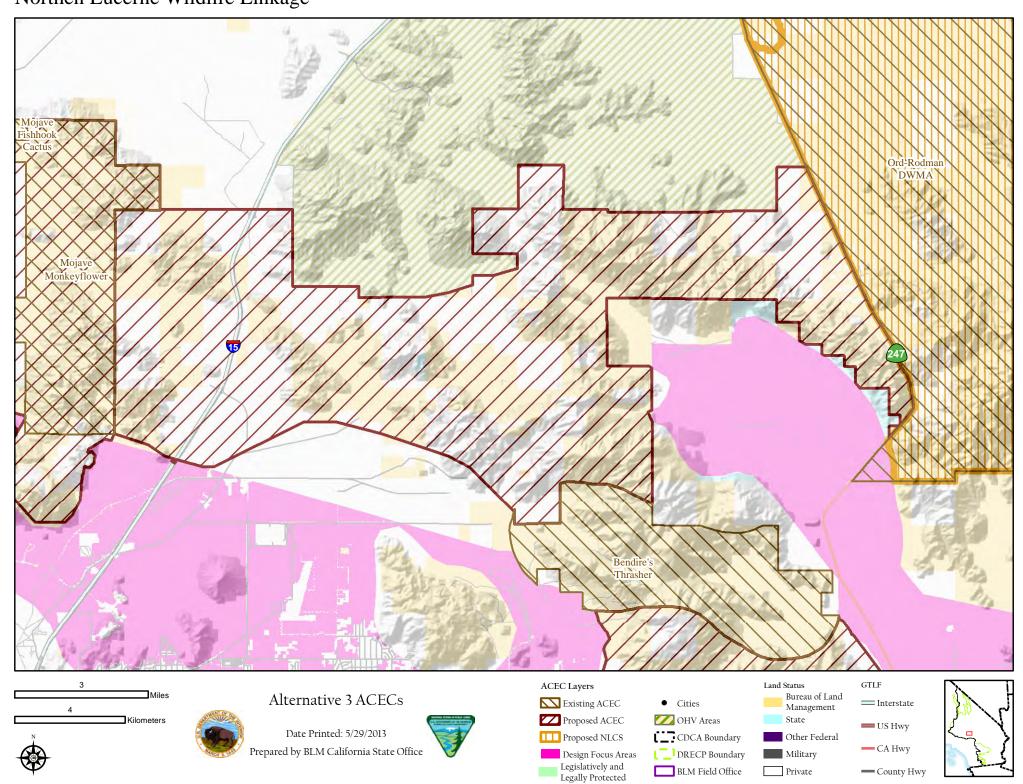
Under Alternative 2- This conservation area would not be designated, as most of the corridor would be designated as a Development Focus Area. The remaining portion was determined to be too fragmented and narrow to provide meaningful wildlife or plant connectivity.

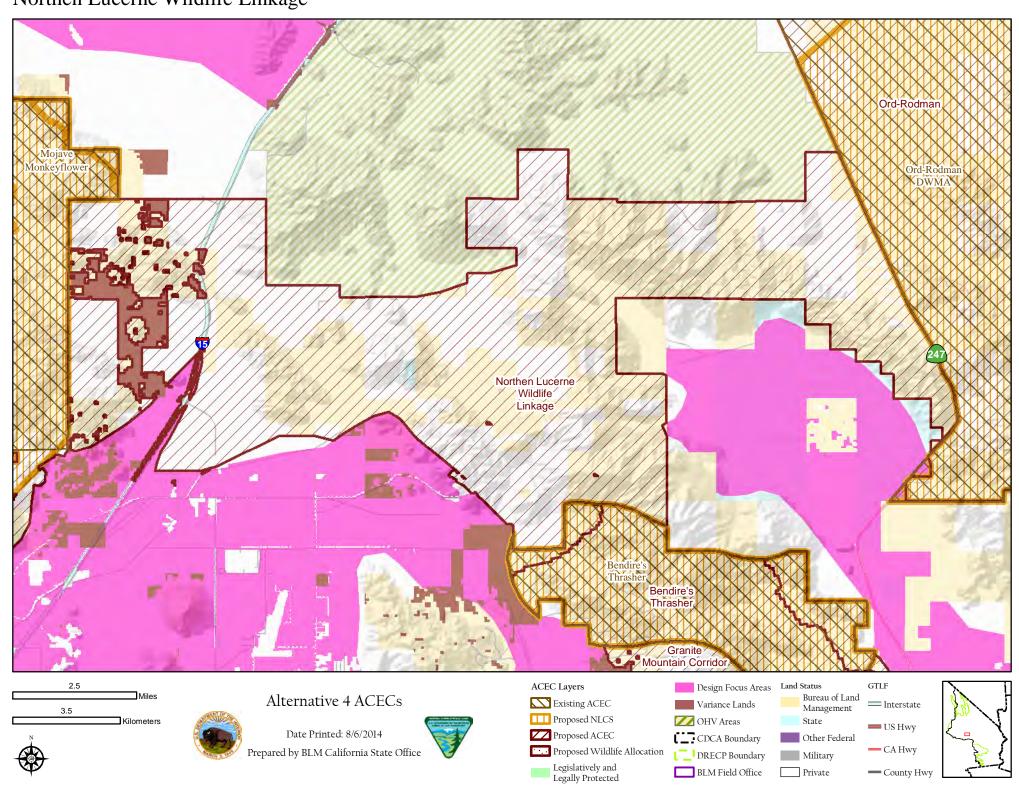
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Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
Objective: Retain existing flow regime and volume in Mojave River	Soil, water, air
Action: Secure Federal Reserve Water Right	
Objective: Maintain or Improve condition of sensitive plant habitat	Vegetation - Including
Management Action1: Remove invasive plants, rehabilitate/revegetate	special status species
disturbed areas	
Management Action 2: Protect populations of special status plants and rare natural communities.	
Known rare plants: Barstow woolly sunflower, Mojave monkeyflower	
Objective: Maintain or improve condition of sensitive wildlife habitat	Fish and Wildlife Including
Senstive Species:	special status species
Burrowing owl, Lecontes thrasher, Prairie falcon, Golden eagles	
Management Action 1: Protect nesting Golden Eagle habitat, ensure	
productive nesting	
Management Action 2: Maintain viable populations and connections between	
other ACECs and critical habitat for Desert Tortoise	
Objective: Protect sensitive habitat from impacts associated with vehicle	Trails and Travel
traffic	Management
Allowable Uses: All vehicle traffic limited to designated roads and trails	
Management Action 1: Establish no new routes in ACEC	
Management Action 2: Management Action: Modify the WEMO Route	
Network to reflect open routes through the ACEC and close other existing unauthorized routes	
unauthonized routes	
Objective: Inform the public of the importance of the ACEC	Recreation
Management Action: Install interpretive signs at access points to the ACEC,	
conduct public education efforts concerning OHV use in the desert	
Objective: Consolidate habitat management	Land Tenure
Management Action: Acquire inholdings from willing sellers	
Management Action: Collaborate with Apple Valley HCP development and	
implementation	
Objective: Maintain wildlife linkage	Rights of Way (ROW)
Management Action: New proposals must not interfere with or inhibit wildlife	
crossing and movement through the area	
Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with	Renewable Energy
NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria	
Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development	









Description/Location: South and west of Hwy 247, north and east of Bighorn Mountain Wilderness, between the towns of Lucerne Valley and Yucca Valley and Pioneertown.

Nationally Significant Values:

Ecological: The area is critical for bighorn sheep, Mojave fringed toed lizards, desert tortoise, burrowing owl and several other species. Additionally, numerous rare and sensitive plants have significant populations here, making the area regionally significant. The area provides critical links for wildlife populations to the north and south of this linkage area.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: new proposal

Relevance and Importance Criteria: Relevant biological resources including wildlife and plant assemblages. The area is critical for bighorn sheep, Mojave fringed toed lizards, desert tortoise, burrowing owl and several other species. Additionally, numerous rare and sensitive plants have significant populations here, making the area regionally significant. The area provides critical links for wildlife populations to the north and south of this linkage area.

Goals: Protect biological values, including habitat quality, populations of sensitive species, and landscape connectivity while providing for compatible public uses.

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Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	0	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	67,100	69,100	0	0.5%
1	18,700	51,800	22,600	0.5%
2	10,100	11,700	0	0.10%
3	67,100	69,100	0	0.5%
4	15,200	0	15,200	NA

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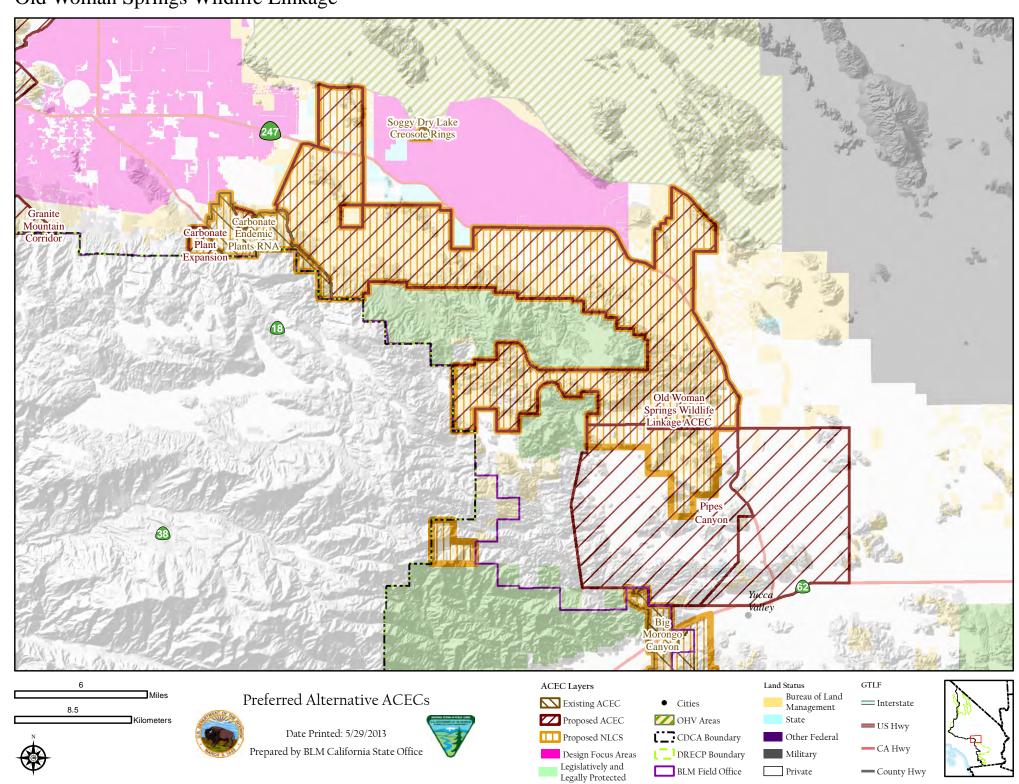
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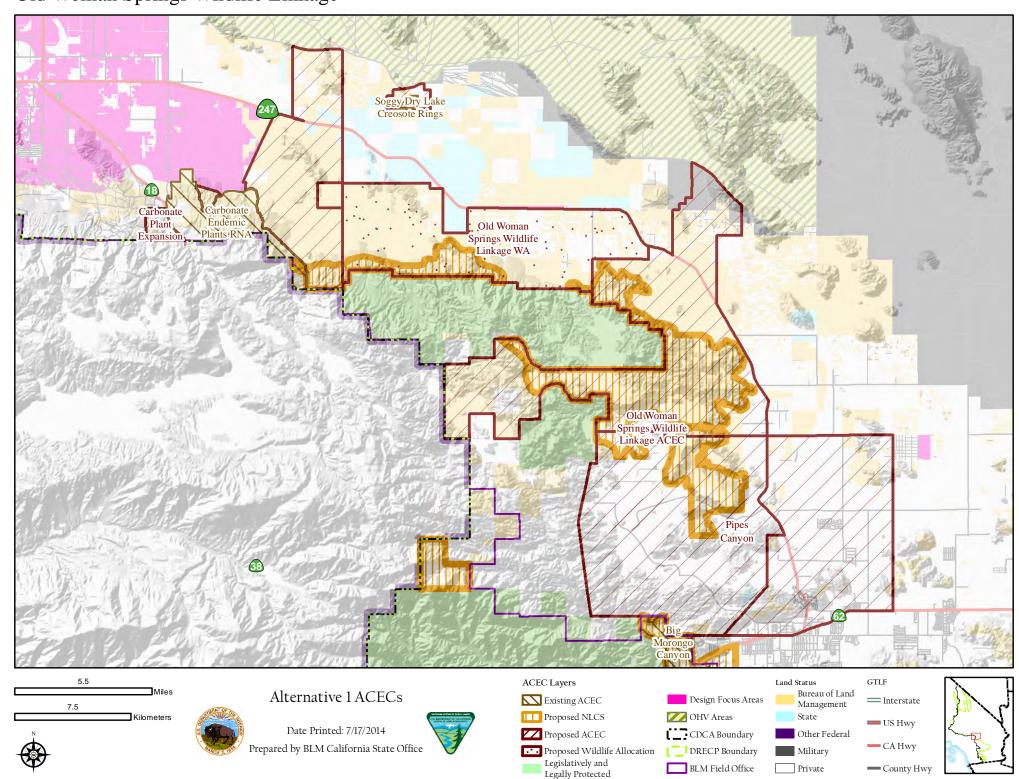
Under All Alternatives—This area (size and location vary between alternative, see table above and maps that follow) would be identified as an ACEC and/or Wildlife Allocation Area and would be managed to support and maintain wildlife connectivity.

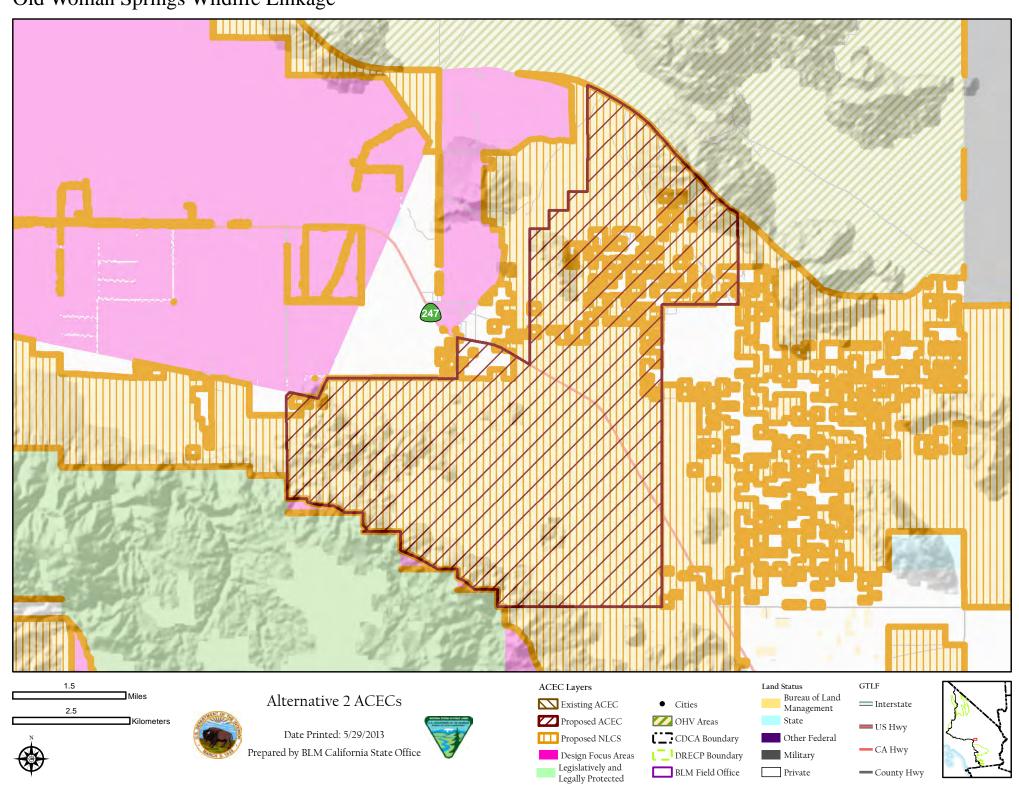
No Action – this conservation area would not exist, as it does not exist currently.

Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
Objective: Maintain or Improve condition of special status plant habitat	Vegetation - Including
Management Action1: Remove invasive plants, rehabilitate/revegetate	special status species
disturbed areas	
Management Action 2: Protect populations of special status plants	
Known rare plants:	
Piranga rubra	
Mimulus mohavensis	
Mentzelis tridentate	
Chorizanthe xanti	
Linanthus maculatus	
Astragalus bernardinus	
Management Action 3: Protect Natural Communities listed as rare by the state.	
Objective: Maintain or Improve condition of sensitive wildlife habitat	Fish and Wildlife Including
Senstive Species:	special status species
Burrowing owl	
Lecontes thrasher	
Prairie falcon	
Golden eagles	
Management Action 1: Protect nesting Golden Eagle habitat, ensure	
productive nesting	
Management Action 2: Maintain viable populations and connections between	
other conservation areas	
Objective: Maintain or improve condition of Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep habitat	
Management Action 1: Maintain viable populations and connections between other conservation areas	
Management Action 2: Evaluate water sources and determine if artificial water sources should be developed	
Objective: Maintain or improve condition of Desert Tortoise habitat	
Management Action: Maintain viable populations and connections between other conservation areas	
Objective: Protect sensitive habitat from impacts associated with vehicle traffic	Trails and Travel Management
Allowable Uses: All vehicle traffic limited to designated roads and trails	ividilagement
Management Action 1: Establish no new routes in ACEC	
Management Action 2: Management Action: Modify the WEMO Route	
Network to reflect open routes through the ACEC and close other existing unauthorized routes	
Objective: Inform the public of the importance of the ACEC	Recreation
Management Action: Install interpretive signs at access points to the ACEC, conduct public education efforts concerning OHV use in the desert	

Objective: Consolidate habitat management Management Action: Acquire inholdings from willing sellers	Land Tenure
Objective: Maintain wildlife linkage Management Action: New proposals must not interfere with or inhibit wildlife crossing and movement through the area	Rights of Way (ROW)
Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development	Renewable Energy

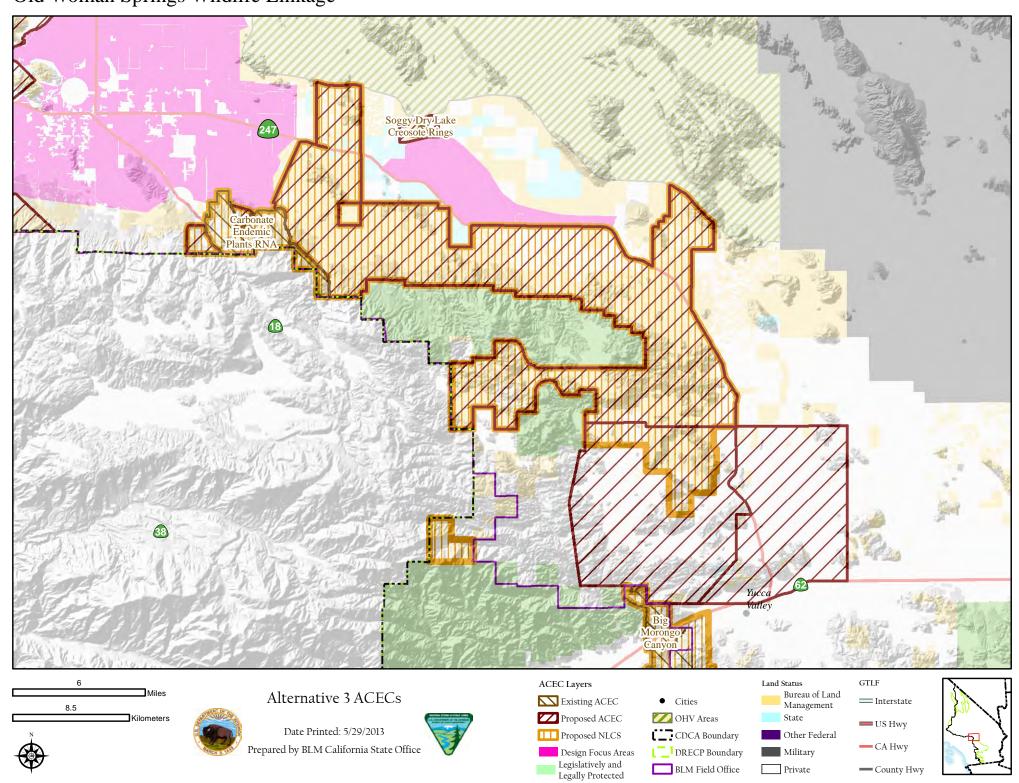


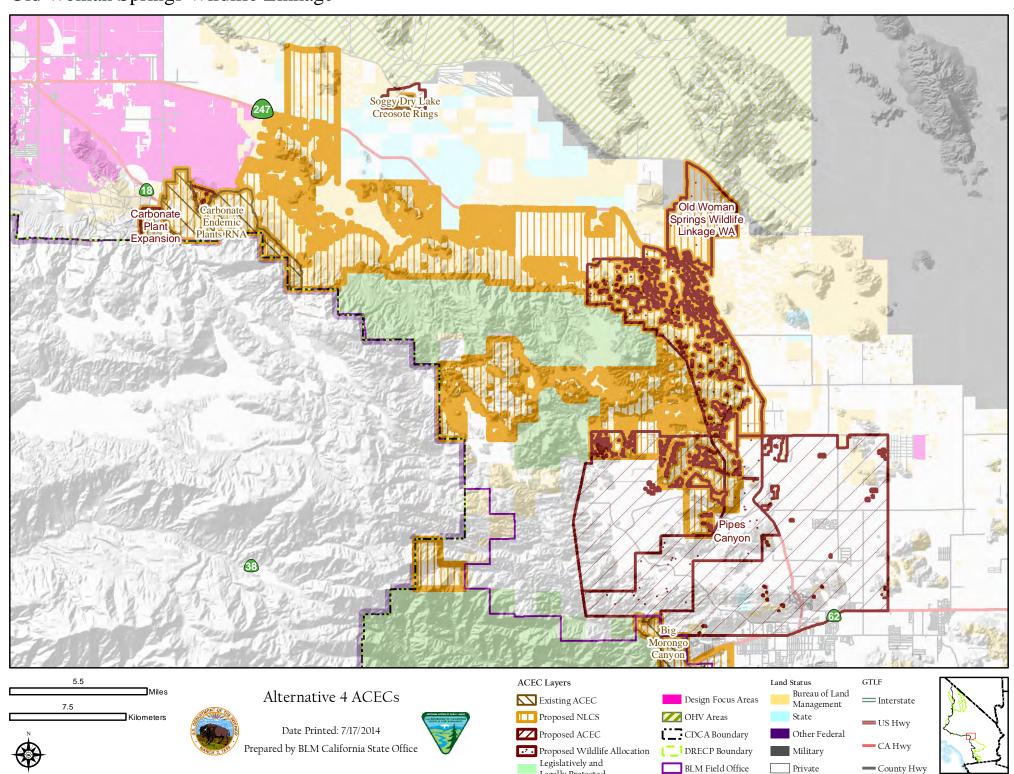




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Pipes Canyon

Description/Location: Surrounds Pioneertown and Rimrock, it is south of Landers and North of Yucca Valley.

Nationally Significant Values:

Cultural: The Pipes Canyon area has numerous prehistoric resources that meet criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as contributing elements of an Eligible District. This area is of particular cultural interest to local native American Tribes.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: Newly proposed.

Relevance and Importance Criteria: Relevant and important resource values include prehistoric cultural resources associated with various indigenous periods. Area has numerous prehistoric resources that would meet criteria for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places as contributing elements of an Eligible District. This area has the greatest concentration of known NRHP eligible sites within the Barstow Field Office.

Goals: Protect cultural, historic, and scenic values while providing for compatible public uses.

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Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	0	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	3,500	6,200	0	0.10%
1	3,900	8,700	0	0.10%
2	1,800	2,800	0	0.10%
3	3,500	6,200	0	0.10%
4	4,700	6,800	0	0.10%

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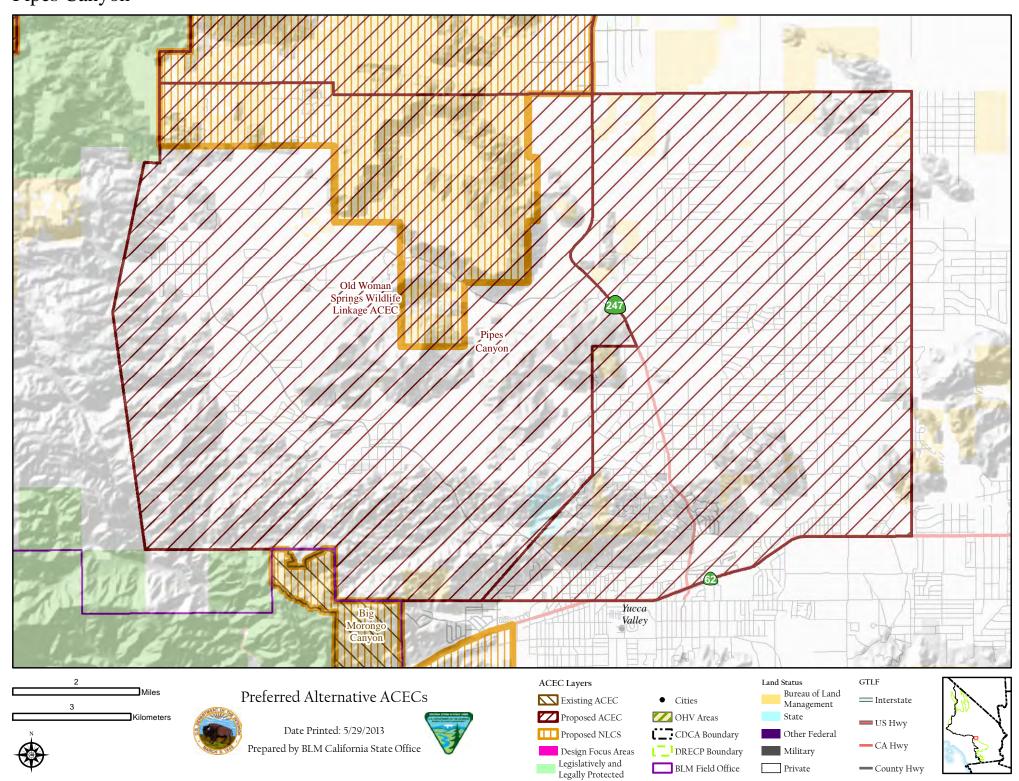
Alternatives:

All action Alternatives: Establish this new ACEC and identify the same management goals and objectives. Alternatives vary on size and location of the ACEC (see table above and maps that follow).

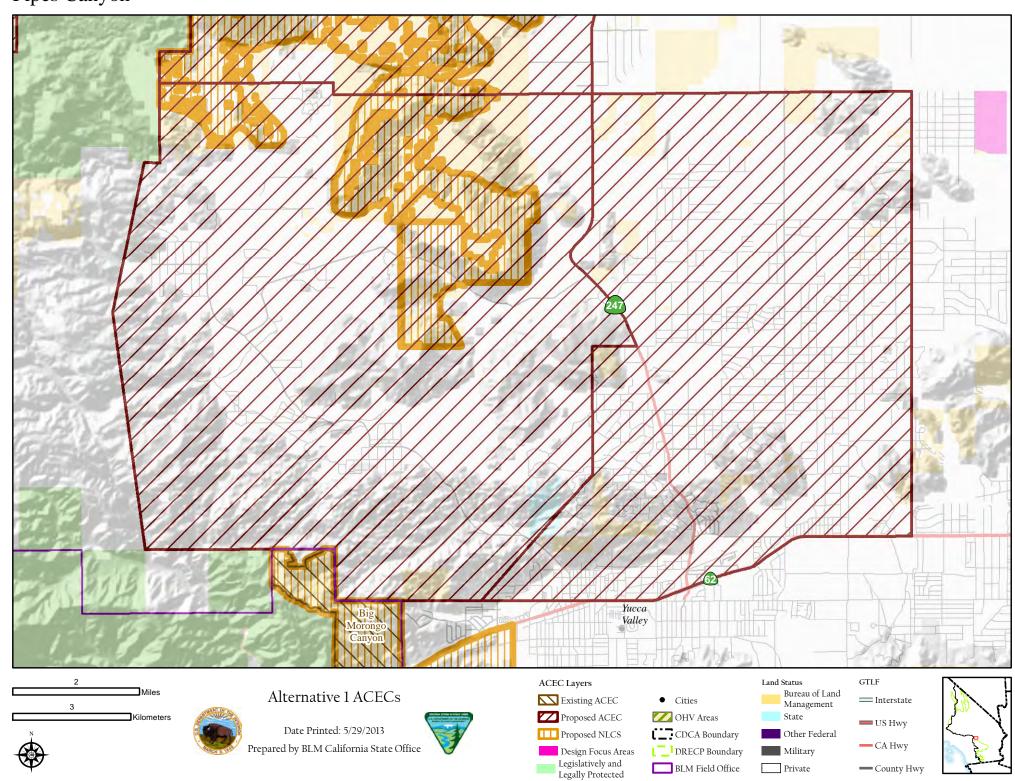
No Action – this conservation area does not exist.

Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
See programmatic ACEC cultural resources objective and action items in general cultural resources rules.	Cultural Resources
Objective: General Management and Protection of Paleontological Resources Allowable Uses: N/A	Paleontology
Management Action 1: Manage and protect fossil resources consistent with the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act	
Management Action 2: Develop plans for the inventory, monitoring, and scientific and educational use of paleontological resources as needed	
Objective: Protect sensitive cultural resources from human disturbance Allowable Uses: Restricted motorized use to designated open routs of travel Management Action 1: Monitor and enforce closure of selected routes of travel Management Action 2: Install signs and use barriers to direct vehicle traffic away from sensitive cultural resources	Trails and Travel Management
Objective: Provide for dispersed opportunities while protecting relevant resources Management Action: Do not establish new routes near sensitive cultural	Recreation
Exclusion zone for site ROW, okay for linear, no ROW which would impact	Rights of Way (ROW)
cultural resources	
Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria	Renewable Energy
Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development	

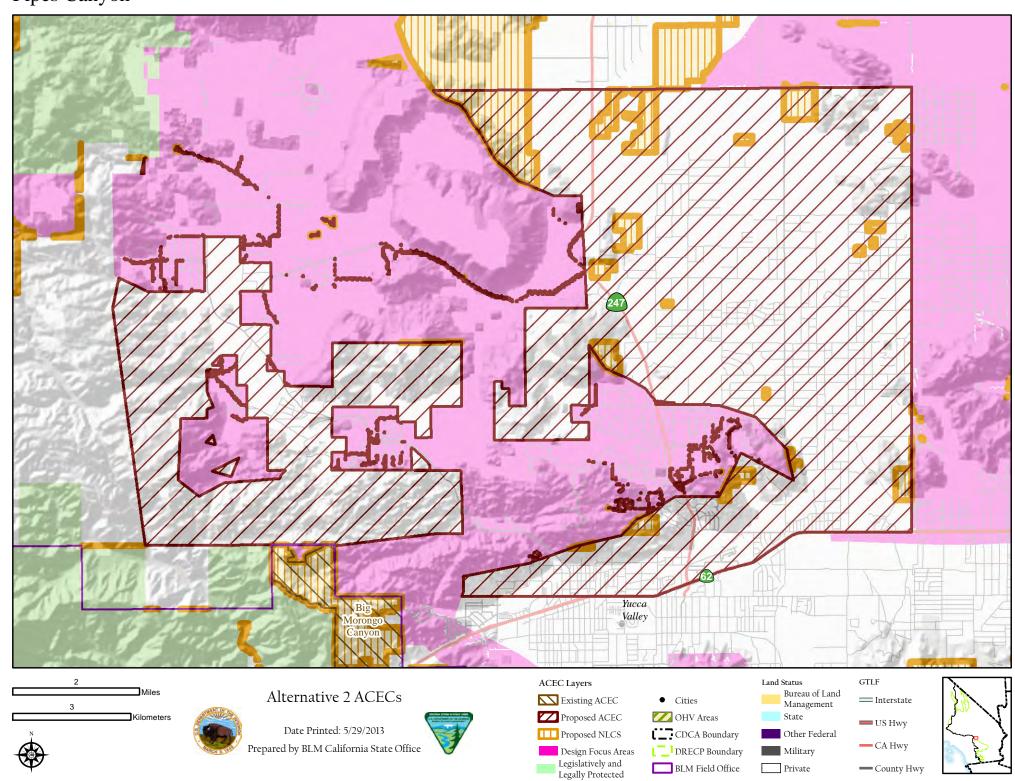
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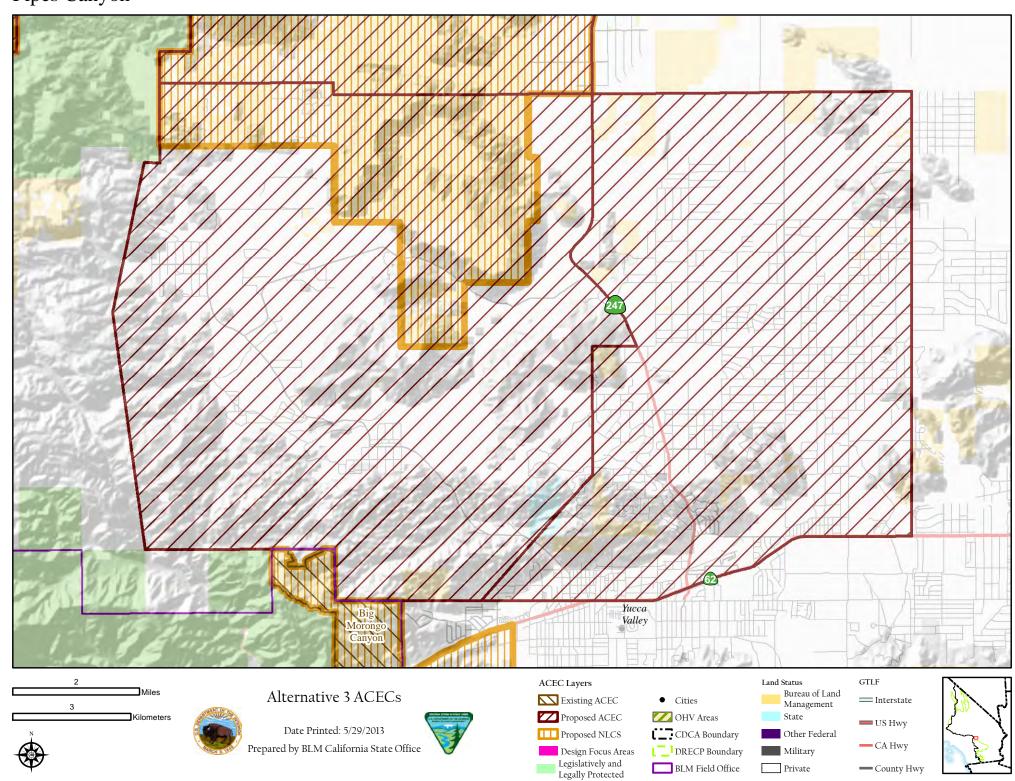
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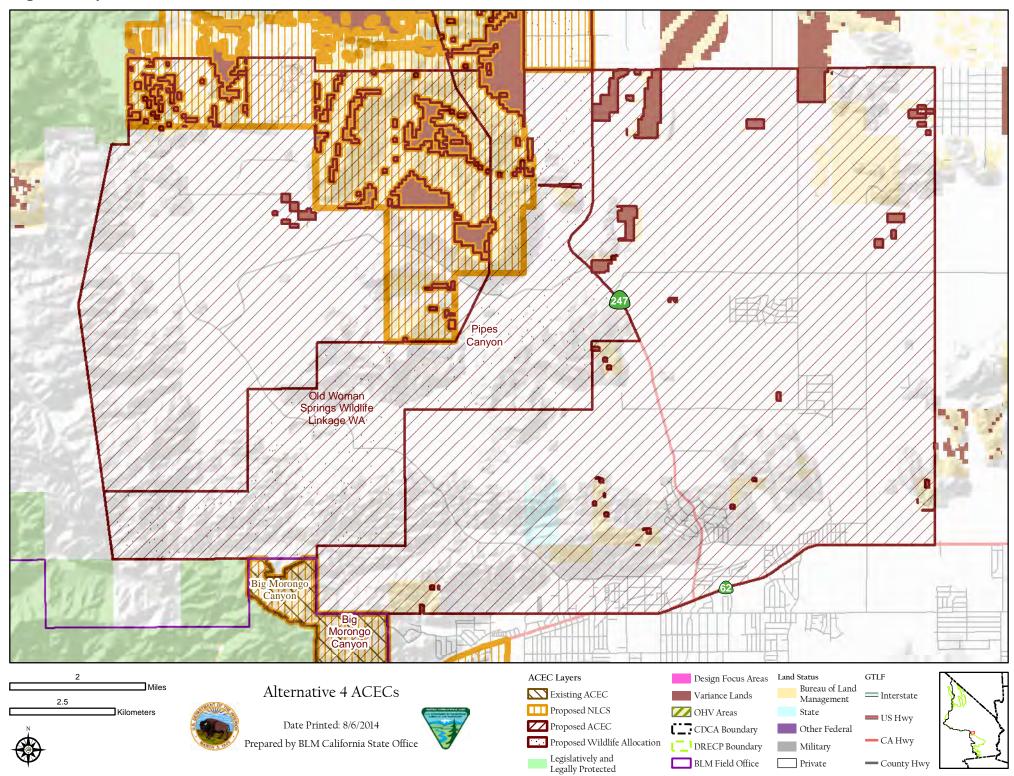
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Description/Location: The Big Morongo Canyon Preserve is located in the Little San Bernardino Mountains adjoining the west boundary of Joshua Tree National Park. The Preserve is south of the town of Morongo Valley and north of Desert Hot Springs in both San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The Preserve encompasses over 30,000 acres of public lands and 240 acres of San Bernardino County Regional Park lands. The Preserve is within both the Coachella Valley and Pinto, Lucerne Valley, and Eastern Slopes DRECP subareas. Due to the nationally significant values listed below, it is within the proposed Sand to Snow National Monument.

Nationally Significant Values

Ecological Values: Nestled within the western extension of the Little San Bernardino Mountains, the 31,000acre Big Morongo Canyon Preserve and ACEC) is managed by BLM to preserve its outstanding natural and scenic values as well as recreational opportunities within a preserve environment. This area is characterized by steep canyons, rugged terrain and a desert oasis. The area is especially high in natural diversity due to its location within a transition/intersection between coastal California, Sonoran/Colorado Desert, and Mojave Desert Ecosystems. The Preserve includes an internationally recognized desert oasis and marsh that is one of the 10 largest cottonwood and willow riparian habitats in California. It is also identified by the Audubon Society as one of the most important avian habitat areas in California. The centerpiece of the Preserve is the Big Morongo Marsh, one of the few cottonwood oases in the California Desert. The Preserve has been designated as an Important Bird Area by the American Bird Conservancy, the American Birding Association, and the Watchable Wildlife National Program, and is featured in the National Geographic Guide to Bird Watching Sites. Over 247 bird species have been recorded in the Preserve, with at least 72 resident breeding species and draws visitors worldwide for astounding bird watching opportunities. The Preserve contains six distinct plant communities supporting an extensive array of animal and plant life. It is also noted as prime habitat for a many protected plant and wildlife species and the marsh/wetlands are considered a critical water source for many species such as Desert bighorn sheep and mule deer. It is home to a large number of protected species including: Least Bell's vireo (Vireo bellii pusillus) (Federally endangered), Southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus) (Federally endangered), Agassizi's Desert Tortoise (Gopherus agassizi) (Federally threatened), Desert bighorn sheep (Ovis canadensis) (BLM sensitive), and Triple-ribbed milkvetch (Astragalus tricarinatus) (Federally endangered).

Cultural Values: Significant cultural and historic values are associated with Big Morongo Canyon. The Morongo Preserve was the site of a large (>10 acre) historic "Maringa" (Morongo) Native American Serrano permanent settlement. The site, CA SBR-561, is a large residential site with a continuous, dependable source of water. The valuable biotic resource assemblage that the water attracted, provided for ample food and manufacturing materials to support the view of it being a permanent Maringa Serrano residence for a long span of time. Present on the site are bedrock mortars, several types of ceramic wares, lithic tool stone debitage and numerous late period projectile points. Human remains were discovered on the site in 1994 that were not cremated, suggesting a greater age of the site since Serrano traditionally cremated their deceased in historic and ethnographic times. Little is known of the archaeological site, since no known ethnographic or historic accounts exist. The Serrano people who occupied this site had long before either left the area during the mission period, joining and merging with the populations of Cahuilla to the south and west on reservation lands, or had succumbed to European introduced diseases long before. As of 2013, no organized excavations have been conducted on this site, however, vandalism and indiscriminant looting has been reported in the past. It is likely that the reported evidence of looting was from actions that occurred before the preserve was occupied and monitored by the present management administration. There remains a strong likelihood that a wide-spread and significant sub-surface archaeological deposit is

still present. This cultural resource likely retains important knowledge that could add significantly to the archaeological record and provide valuable new knowledge to the descendants of the *Maringa* Serrano. The historic account of Willie Boy (1881-1909) took place in the Morongo Canyon area and vicinity and is the story-base behind the film "Tell Them Willie Boy Was Here" The film's story revolves around an accused Indian outlaw, Willie Boy, who escapes arrest with his lover, after killing her father in self-defense. The chase and eventual purported suicide of Willie Boy unfold as the west's last famous manhunt.

Scientific Values: The Big Morongo Canyon Preserve has high scientific, research, and education values associated with the ecological diversity and proximity to the Southern California cities. It can provide outstanding opportunities for scientific research in a variety of areas including wildlife diversity, ecosystem functionality and resiliency, riparian response to human influence, etc. The University of California and other institutions conduct on-going research projects, including those important to understanding the fire regimes of Southern California, and seismic activity. The potential archaeological values here are very important to scientific knowledge due to the lack of any ethno-historic information of the peoples who once occupied the area. It is believed that a closely related group – also referred to as *Moringa*, occupied the Twenty-nine Palms area. The Preserve boasts an extensive network of supporters and partners that promote education and interpretation programs. It provides docents and junior docent programs for extensive educational purposes.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: ACEC Plan No. 50, Amended 08/07/1996

Goals: Protect biological, riparian and cultural values of an area providing for compatible public uses.

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Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	Allocation 0	24,900	0	NA
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Preferred Alternative	24,900	24,900	0	1%
1	24,900	24,900	0	1%
2	24,900	24,900	0	1%
3	24,900	24,900	0	1%
4	24,900	24,900	0	1%

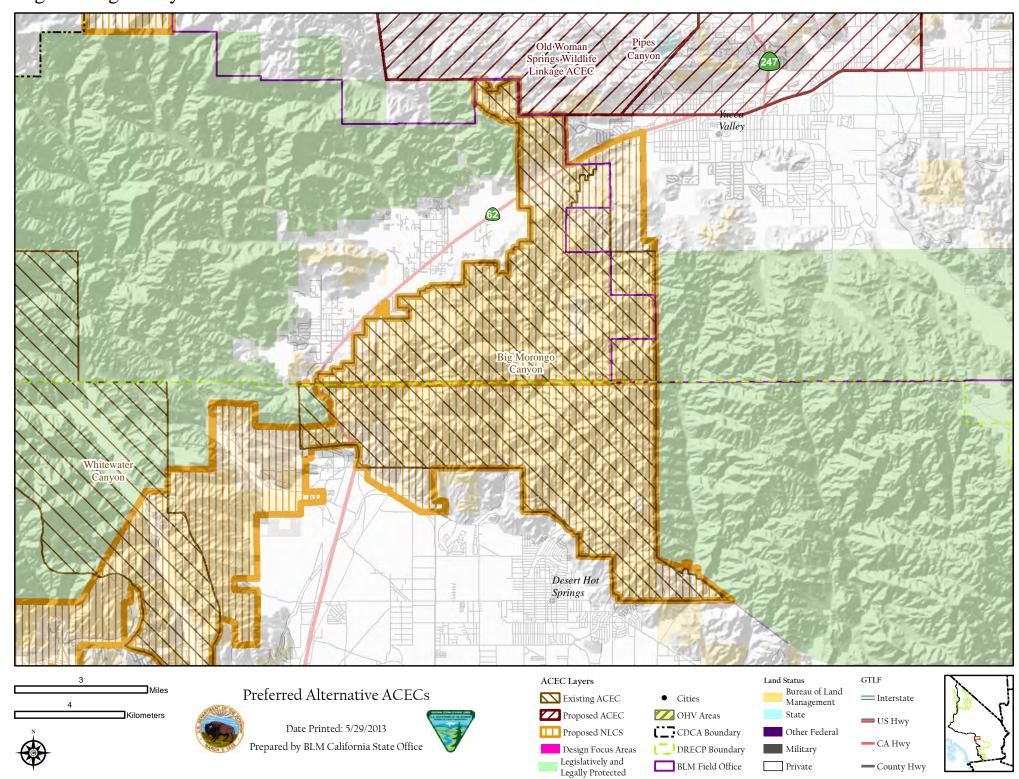
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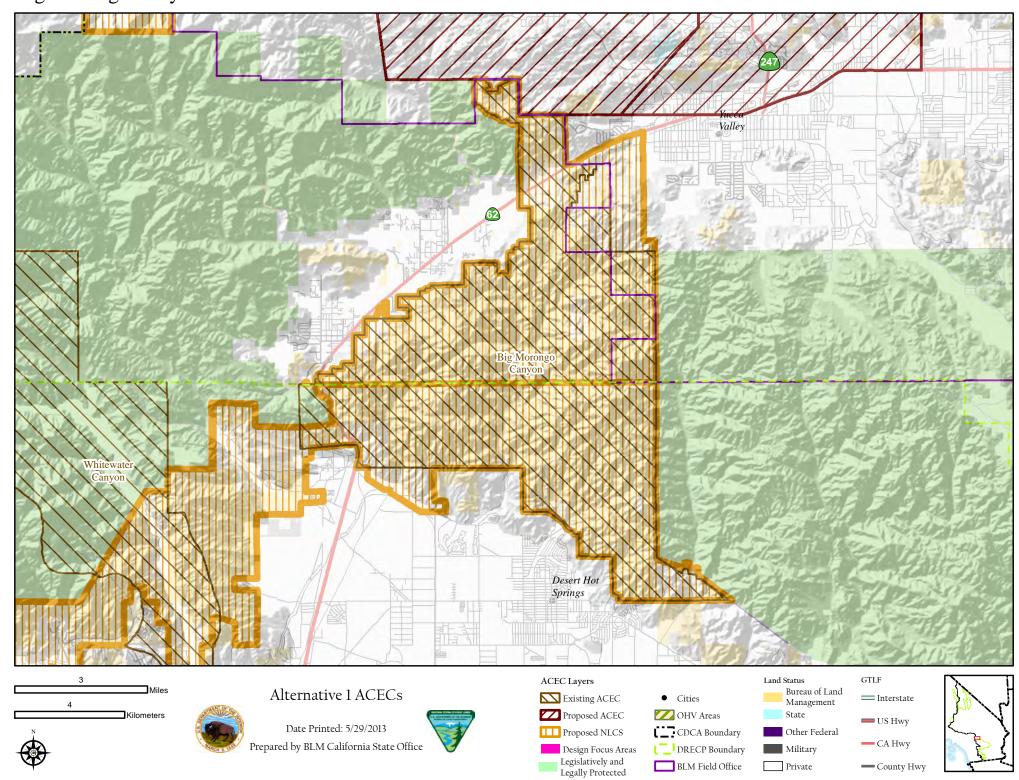
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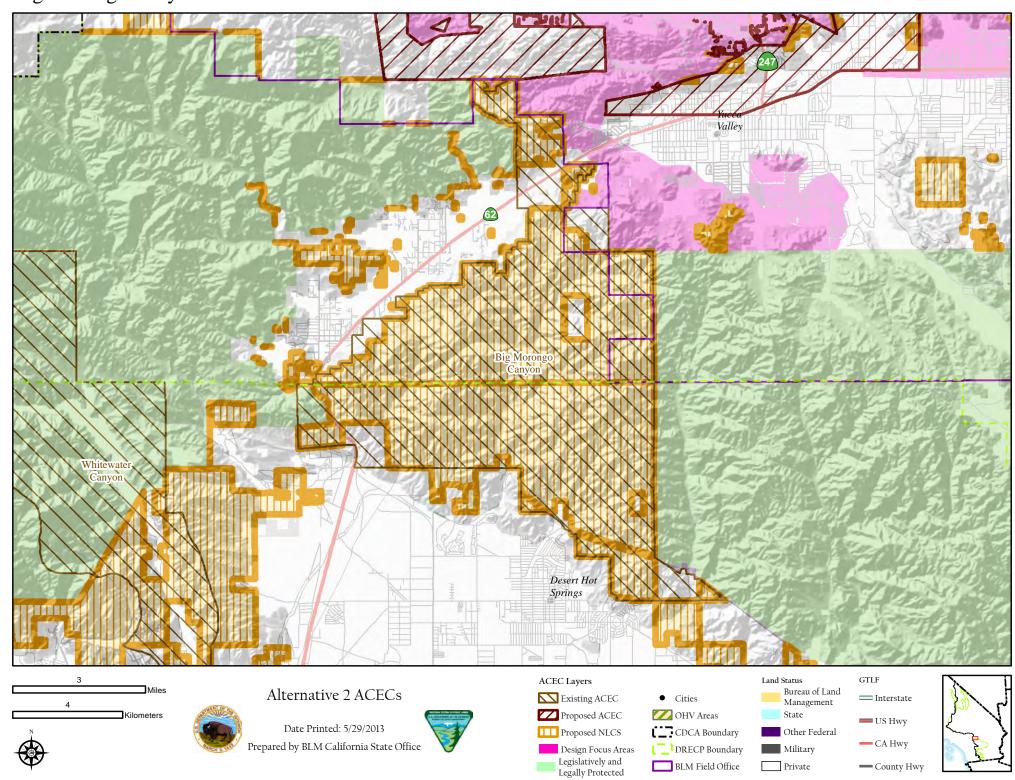
All Alternatives: This existing ACEC would continue to be managed as it currently is.

Objectives (desired future conditions) /Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
Objective: Improve native riparian and sensitive habitats	Soil, water, air
Management Action: Protect soils and water sources by limiting OHV use.	
Special Status Species: Triple-ribbed milkvetch, Little San Bernardino Mountains Gilia	Vegetation - Including special status
Sensitive Habitats: Mojave Riparian Woodland, Desert Dry Wash Woodland, Freshwater Marsh, Joshua Tree Woodland	plant species
Objective: Improve native riparian and sensitive habitats	
Action: Remove tamarisk	
Special Status Species:	Fish and Wildlife -
Desert Tortoise	Including special status
Desert Bighorn Sheep	fish and wildlife species
Mountain Lion	
Mule Deer	
Gambel's Quail	
Burrowing Owl	
Least Bell's vireo	
Yellow breasted chat	
Yellow warbler	
Objective: maintain plant and animal species diversity and optimize wildlife	
Action: Provide nest boxes for cavity nesting birds	
Objective: Protect archaeological sites.	Cultural Resources
Action: OHV closed (excluding Kickapoo Trail ROW)	
See programmatic ACEC cultural resources objective and action items in	
general cultural resources rules	
Allotment: OHV closed, excluding Kickapoo Trail ROW	Trails and Travel Management
Allotment: OHV closed, excluding Kickapoo Trail ROW	Recreation
Discharge of firearms prohibited in Big Morongo	
Legal take of game with firearms allowed in Little Morongo	
No pets/mountain bikes in Big Morongo	
Equestrian users must stay on designated trails	
Allowable uses:	
Camping in Big Morongo only with authorization	
Little Morongo: open camping year round	
Pets allowed in Little Morongo, but only on leash	
Management Action: Install interpretive sign and kiosk inside northern	
boundary and at south end of canyon	
Management Action: Increase ranger patrols	
Management Action: Coordinate land use programs and objectives with	
Nature Conservancy and San Bernardino County Regional Parks for adjacent lands	

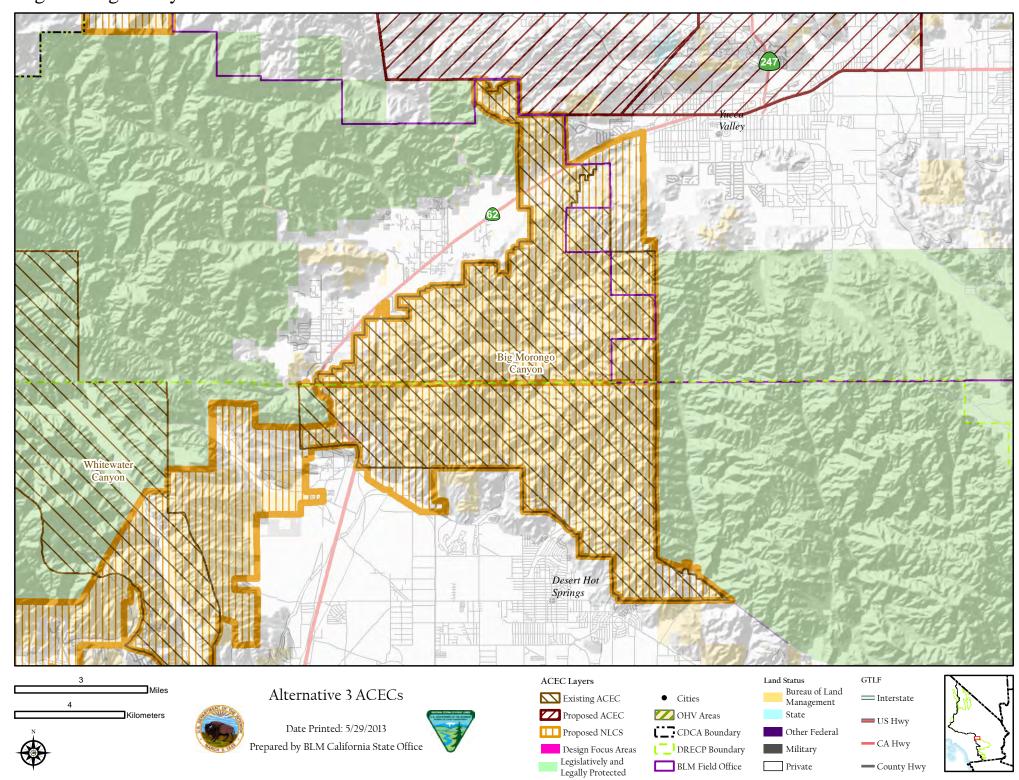
Management Action: Acquire inholdings in sections 3 and 10	Land Tenure
Management Action: Manage Multiple existing ROWs and Existing inholdings	Rights of Way (ROW)
New proposals will need to be analyzed at on a case-by-case basis and	
cumulatively, to assess whether they can be accommodated within the ACEC	
and its management goals.	
Closed to renewable energy development	Renewable Energy
Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development	
Open to locatable minerals. Recommend withdrawal.	Locatable Minerals
Closed to mineral material sales and leasing.	Mineral Materials
	Non-Energy Leasable
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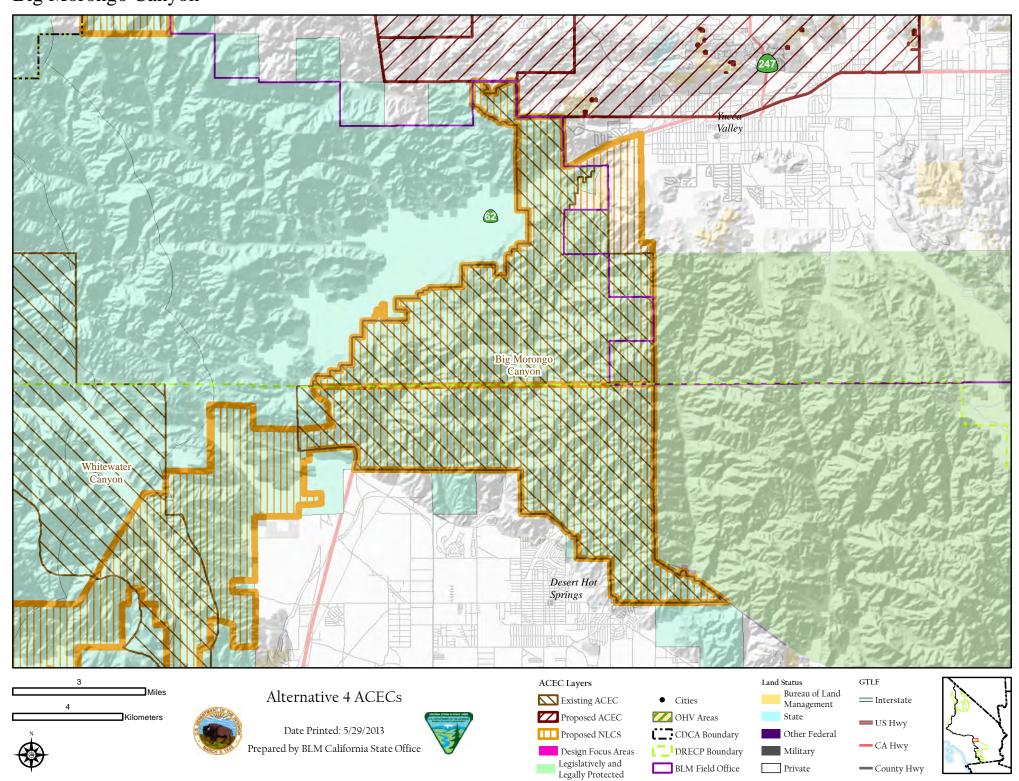




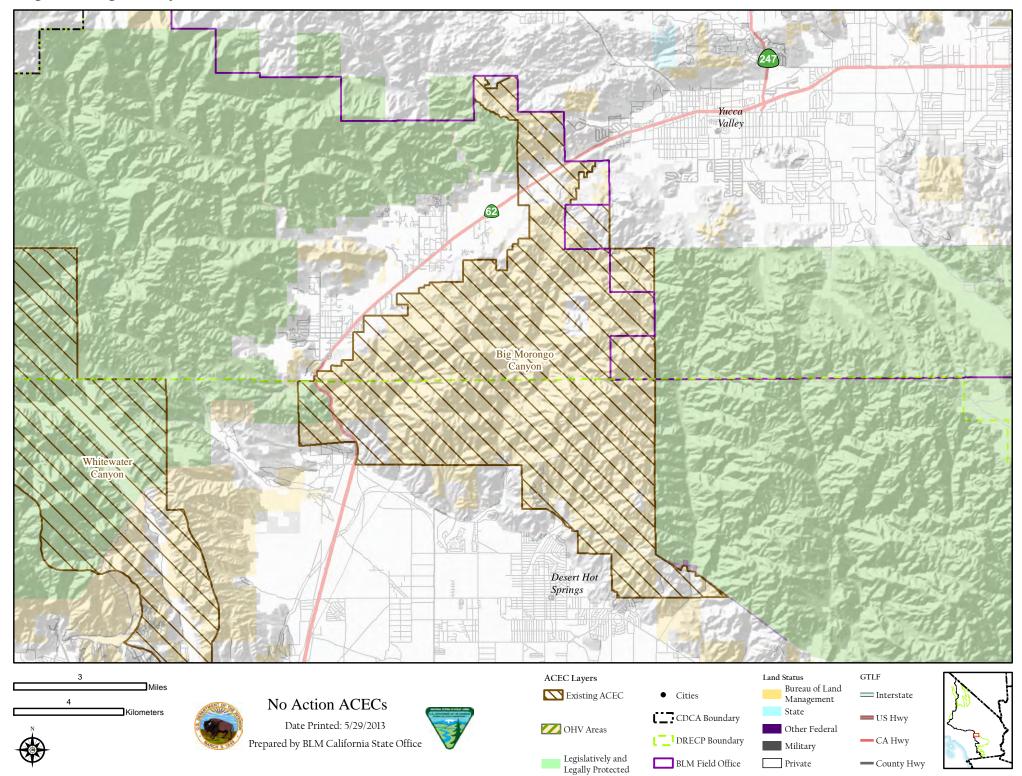
Big Morongo Canyon



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Barstow Carbonate Endemic Plants Research Natural Area

Description/Location: The existing ACEC is east of Highway 18 on the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains. This ACEC would be expanded under the DRECP.

Nationally Significant Values:

Ecological: This ACEC and its expanded area encompasses vital habitat for four federally listed and one unlisted narrowly endemic carbonate plant species. The ACEC was designated as a Carbonate Endemic Plants Research Natural Area ACEC. A Research Natural Area means an area that is established and maintained for the primary purpose of research and education because the land has one or more of the following characteristics: a typical representation of a common plant or animal association; an unusual plant or animal association; a threatened or endangered plant or animal species; a typical representation of common geologic, soil, or water features; and/or outstanding or unusual geologic, soil, or water features. The proposed RNA meets the characteristics above because is supports an unusual geologic, soil, and plant association and because it contains habitat for threatened and endangered species.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: Established in WEMO, March 2006. The West Mojave Plan would serve as the ACEC management plan so that a future ACEC plan would not be required.

Relevance and Importance Criteria: Relevant biological resources. This ACEC and its expanded area encompasses vital habitat for four federally listed and one unlisted narrowly endemic carbonate plant species. This ACEC also encompasses habitat for the San Diego Horned Lizard, Gray Vireo, and Bighorn Sheep. This area also functions as a primary wildlife connectivity zone.

Goal: Protect four federally listed and one unlisted species of plants, as well as the San Diego horned lizard, gray vireo, and big horn sheep. This area also functions as a primary wildlife connectivity zone.

For NLCS Lands: Where this ruleset differs from the plan-wide NLCS rulesets, the more restrictive rules will apply.

Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	4,400	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	5,000	5,000	0	0.5%
1	100	5,000	0	0.5%
2	5,000	5,000	0	0.5%
3	5,000	5,000	0	0.5%
4	5,000	5,000	0	0.25%

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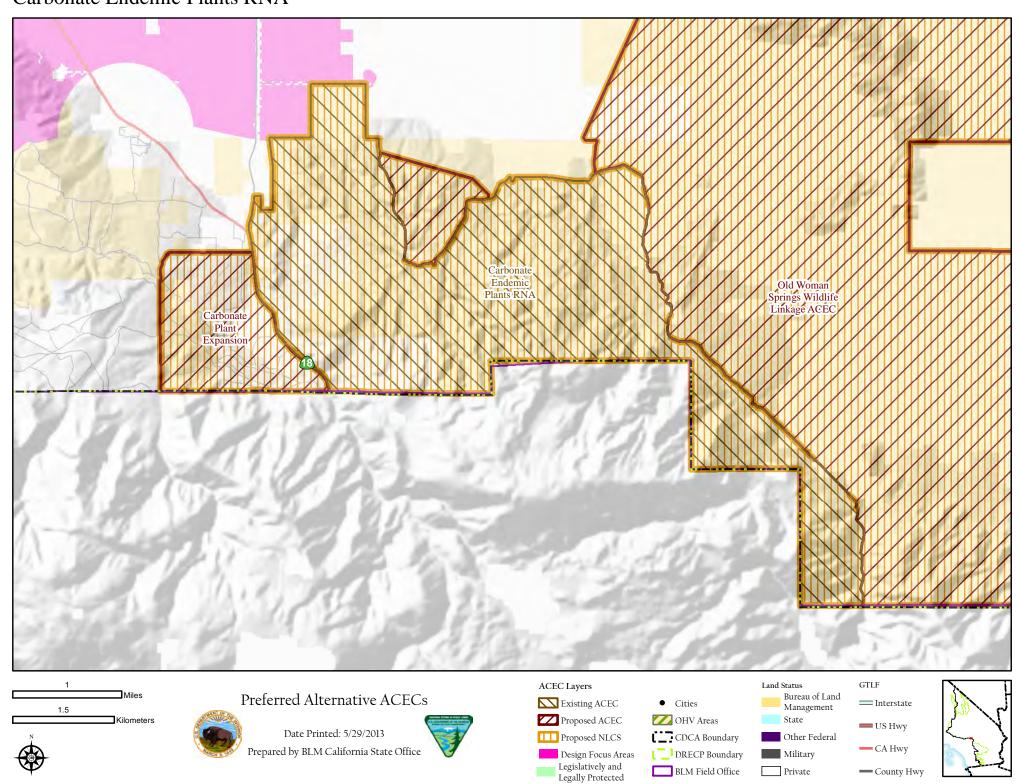
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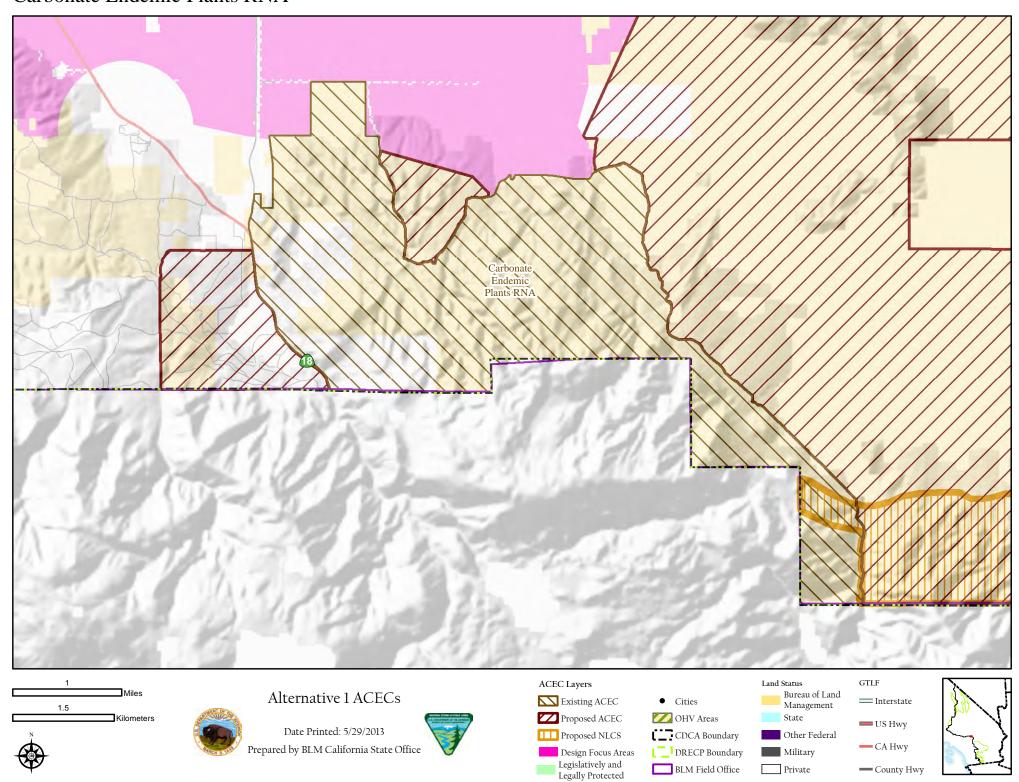
All Action Alternatives – this existing ACEC would be expanded and managed to protect ecological resources.

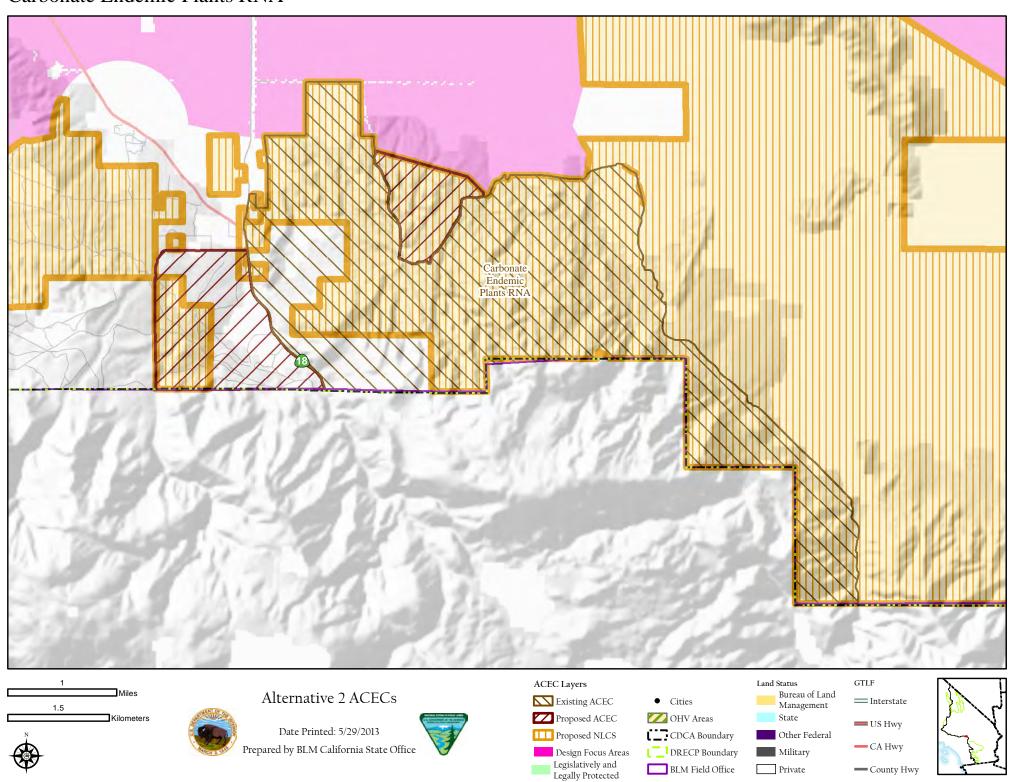
No Action: The existing ACEC would be managed as it currently is.

Objective: Maintain or improve condition of habitat for the following sensitive	
plant species:	Vegetation - Including special status species
Parish's daisy (Erigeron parishii)	Special status species
Cushenbury buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum ovalifolium</i>)	
Cushenbury milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus albens</i>)	
Cushenbury oxytheca (<i>Acanthoscyphus parishii</i> var. <i>goodmaniana</i>)	
Parish's brittlescale (Atriplex parishii)	
San Bernardino milk-vetch(Astragalus bernardinus)	
frosted mint (<i>Poliomintha incana</i>)	
alkali mariposa-lily (<i>Calochortus striatus</i>)	
San Bernardino aster(<i>Symphyotrichum defoliatum</i>)	
Big Bear Valley woollypod(Astragalus leucolobus)	
Management Action 1: The West Mojave Plan will implement provisions of the	
Carbonate Habitat Management Strategy (CHMS). The CHMS is a cooperative	
plan developed by the Forest Service, BLM, and mining and environmental	
stakeholders. It includes very specific criteria for conservation, land acquisition,	
and mining.	
Management Action 2: Remove invasive plants, rehabilitate/revegetate	
disturbed areas	
distal sed dieds	
Objective: Maintain or improve condition of habitat for sensitive wildlife species	Fish and Wildlife –
Management Action: Protect populations of special status animals	Including special status
Golden eagle	species
Desert tortoise	
San Diego horned lizard	
Big horn sheep	
Objective: Protect sensitive plant habitat from impacts associated with vehicle	Trails and Travel
traffic	Management
Allowable Uses: All existing routes of travel on public lands within the ACEC	
would be designated as open, limited, or closed. The boundary road defining the	
perimeter of the ACEC is an open route. Most other existing routes within the	
ACEC are limited or closed. These internal routes cross designated critical	
habitat for listed plants, but are open for limited use to allow access to	
claimholders, researchers, and other permitted events and activities. Permitted	
events, such as dual sport rides, can occur but would require monitoring and	
stipulations to avoid areas of botanical sensitivity adjacent to roads.	
Objective: Provide dispersed opportunities for enjoying of the ACEC attributes	Recreation
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Objective: Acquire all inholdings from willing sellers to consolidate habitat	Land Tenure
management	
Management Action: Private lands within the ACEC may be acquired or	
exchanged for other BLM lands in Lucerne Valley. Three options are presented	
for acquisition of private land and relinquishment of claims. All three methods	
may be implemented to achieve the objective.	
- Option 1: The BLM would initiate or participate in a land exchange for the	
highest priority private lands. Public lands bordering the rail spur south of	
Lucerne Valley would be exchanged for private lands east of Highway 18.	
The lands along the railway would then be available to mining interests or	
industrial uses, and the acquired lands east of Highway 18 would be	
withdrawn from mineral entry.	
- Option 2: Mining companies may acquire lands within the ACEC as	
mitigation for use of lands west of Highway 18. "Acquisition" can include	
purchase of mining claims on public lands as well as purchase of fee title	
to private lands. The claims or title would be conveyed to BLM, and the	
acquired lands would be withdrawn from mineral entry.	
- Option 3: BLM and Fortes Service would prepare an application for	
Congressional funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.	
Any funds appropriated through this process would be used to purchase	
private fee lands within the ACEC and National Forest. Acquisition funding	
would also be sought from the Fish and Wildlife Service Section 6 grants to	
states. Acquired lands would be unavailable for mineral entry.	
Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with	Renewable Energy
NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria	
Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development	
Objective: Protect sensitive plant habitat from impacts associated with minerals	Locatable Minerals
development	Mineral Materials
Allowable Uses: Within the ACEC, no surface occupancy would be allowed	Non-energy Leasables
because of the potential for undue degradation to occupied habitat and	
designated critical habitat. Surface mining would not be consistent with the	
objectives of RNA. Acquired lands would be withdrawn from mineral entry.	
Management Action 1: New proposals will need to be analyzed on a case-by-case	
basis and cumulatively	
Management Action 2: Reclamation and revegetation standards specified in the	
CHMS (Appendix S) would be required for reclamation or restoration projects	
within the ACEC	
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Objective: Protect sensitive plant habitat from impacts associated with livestock	Live Stock Grazing
grazing. Allowable Uses: No new allotments, existing allocations else, but no expansion	
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of allotment (either size or increase number of AUMs if willing relinquishment, then would be made permanently unavailable for grazing	
Management Action: Fencing along the eastern boundary of the ACEC would be	
installed to prevent cattle from trampling the listed plants on small portions of	
the Rattlesnake allotment and to prevent cattle from entering Forest lands near	
Terrace Springs. The fencing would be constructed along the east side of	
Arrastre Canyon.	



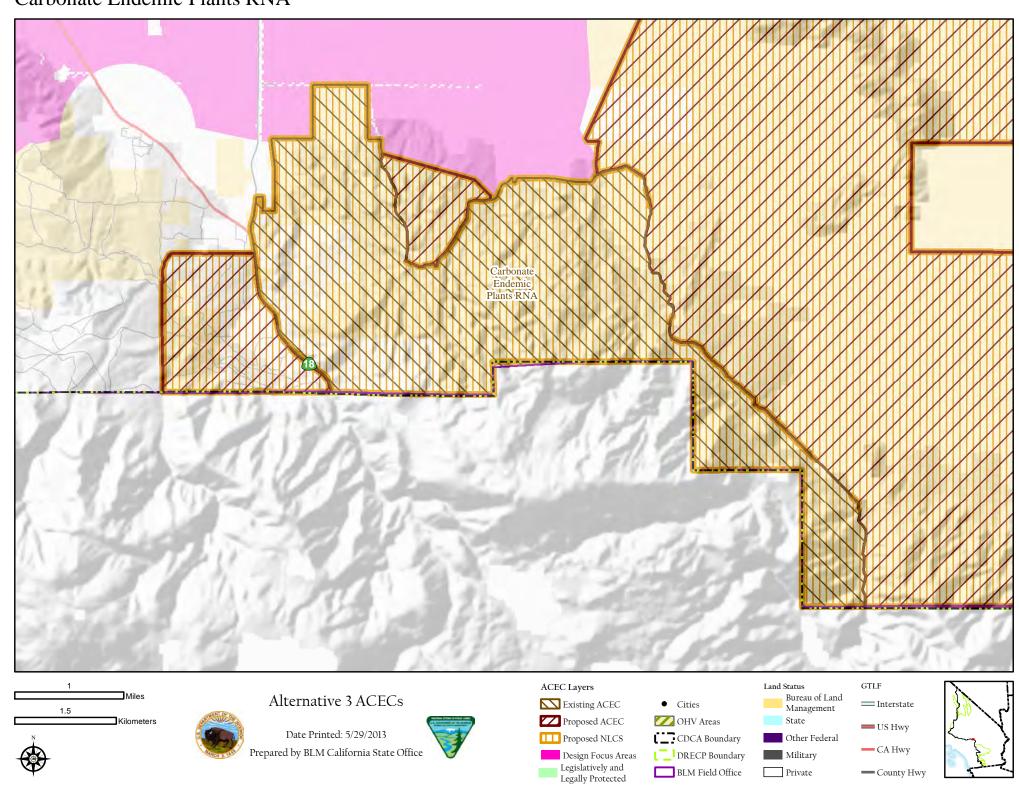




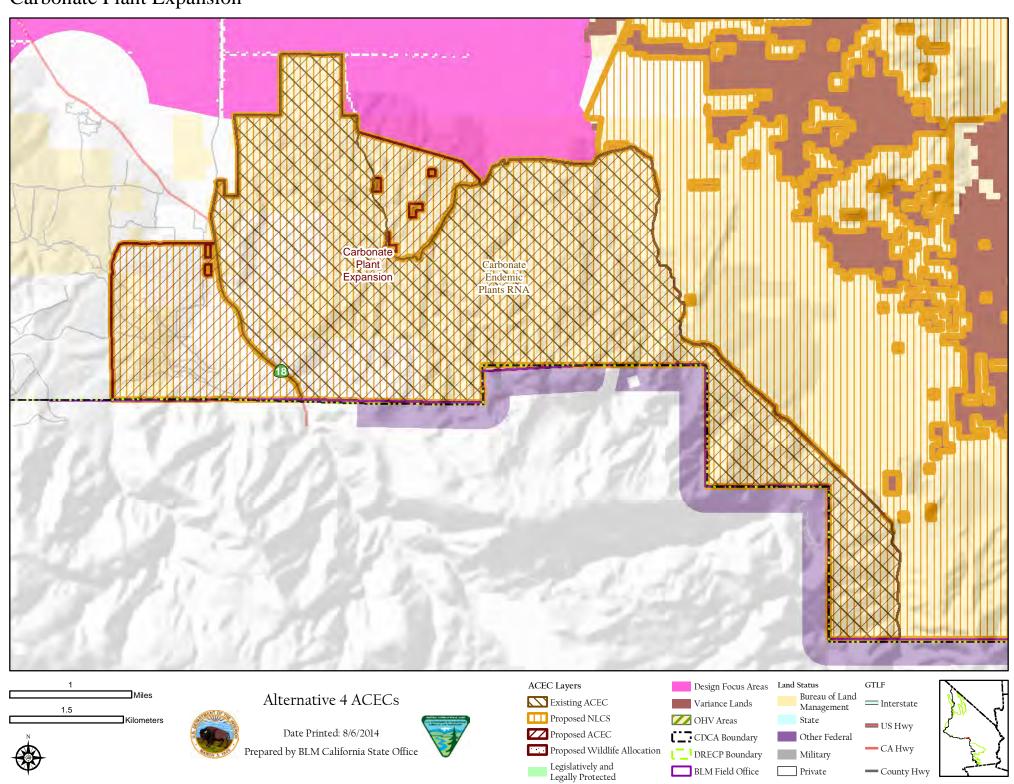
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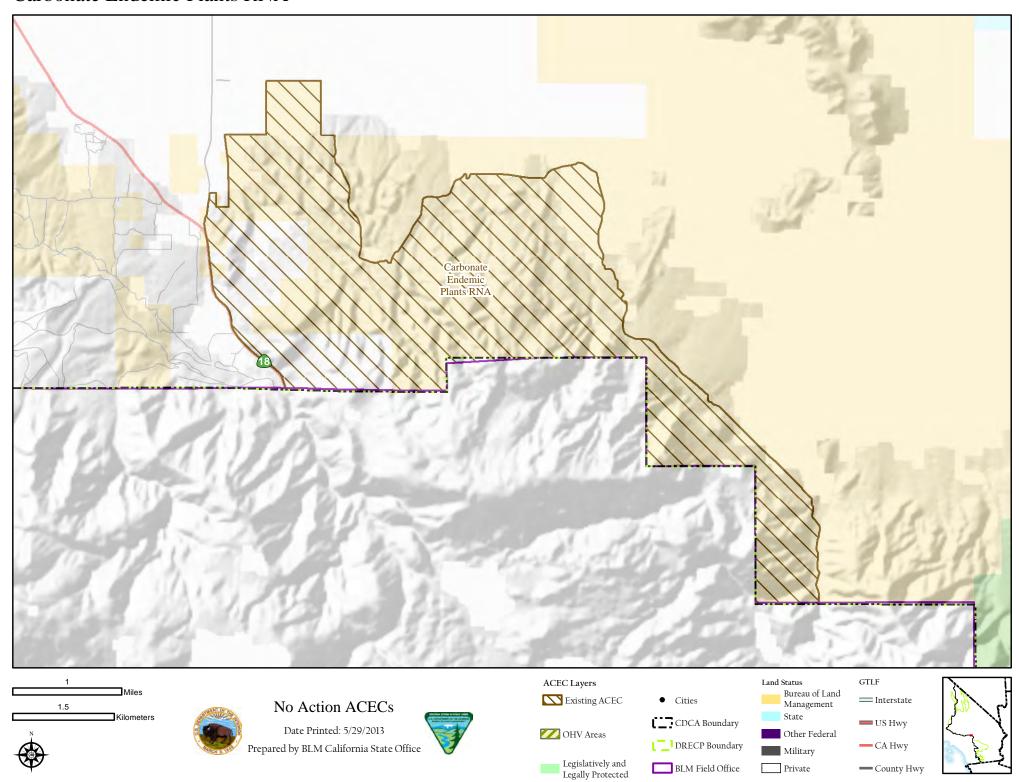
Carbonate Plant Expansion



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Juniper Flats Cultural Area

Description/Location: Located in the Ord Mountains about 15 air miles south of Apple Valley, CA.

Nationally Significant Values:

Cultural: The area is an extremely diverse and dense region for cultural resources. There are numerous sites that meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places associated with this unit. This is a transition area between the mountains and Mojave Desert and would lend to the understanding of migration patterns of local peoples. This area is of great importance to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: ACEC Plan No. 45, September 1988

Relevance and Importance Criteria: Relevant cultural and wildlife values. The area is an extremely diverse and dense region for cultural resources. The ACEC designation will best protect prehistoric and historic archaeological sites. It also provides habitat for the San Diego horned lizard and gray vireo, two species proposed for protection in the West Mojave Plan.

Goals: Properly manage historic and prehistoric resources in the area to avoid their destruction through coordinated management actions.

For NLCS Lands: Where this ruleset differs from the plan-wide NLCS rulesets, the more restrictive rules will apply.

Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	2,400	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	2,400	2,400	0	1%
1	0	2,400	0	1%
2	2,400	2,400	0	1%
3	0	2,400	0	1%
4	2,400	2,400	0	1%

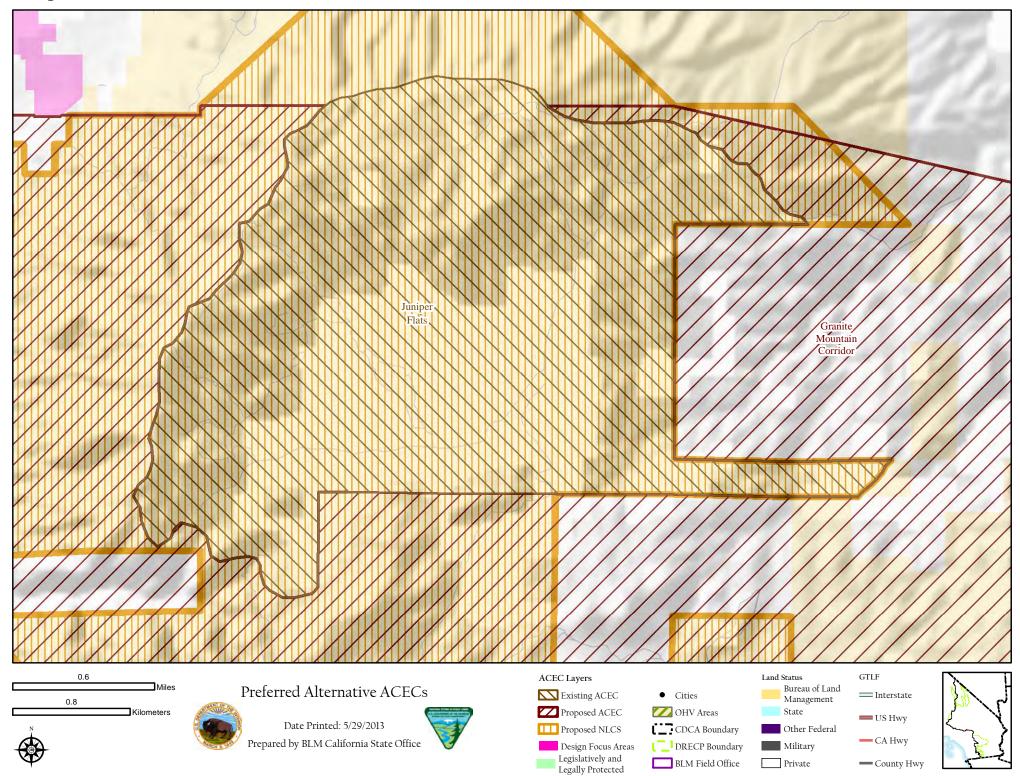
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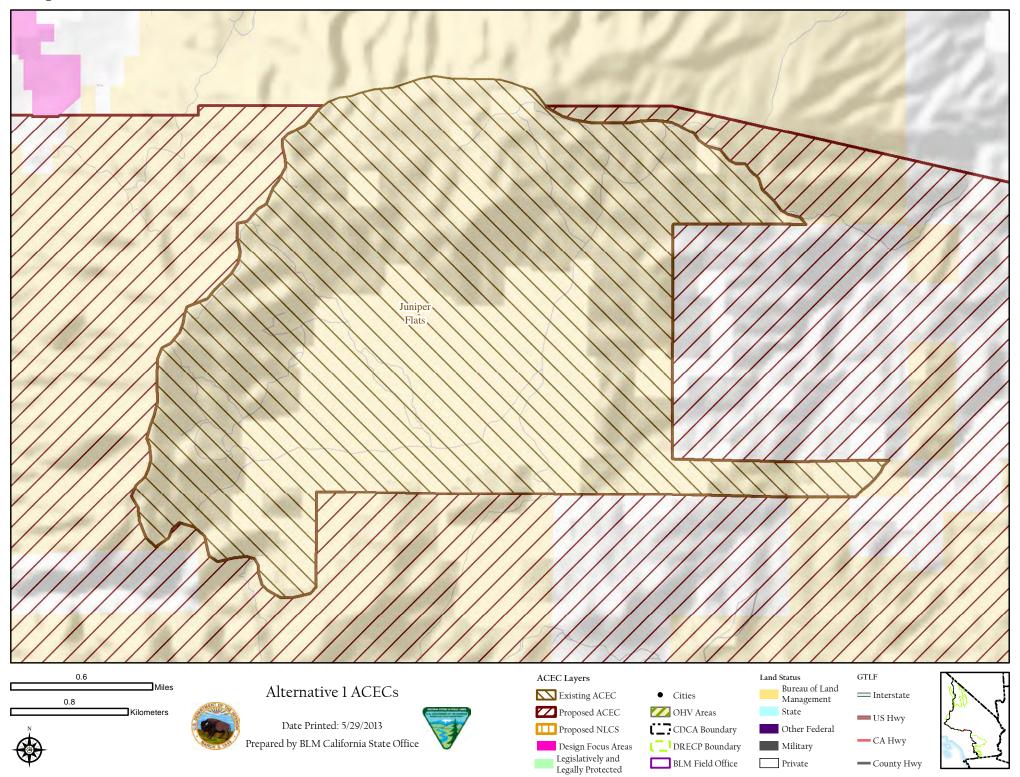
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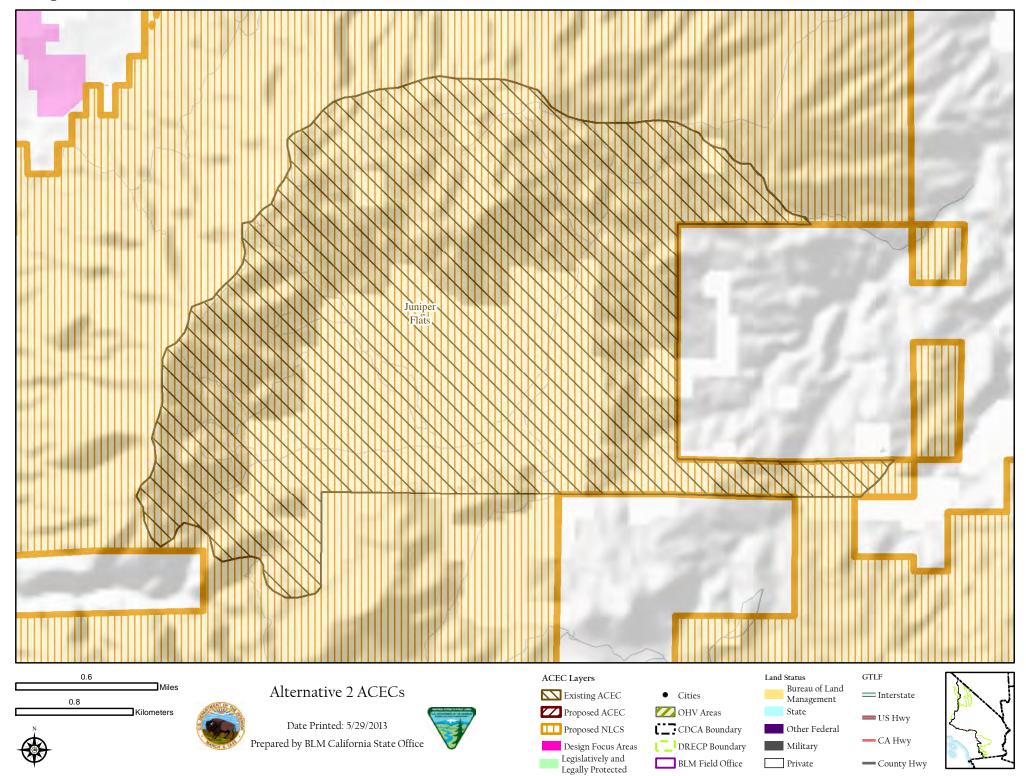
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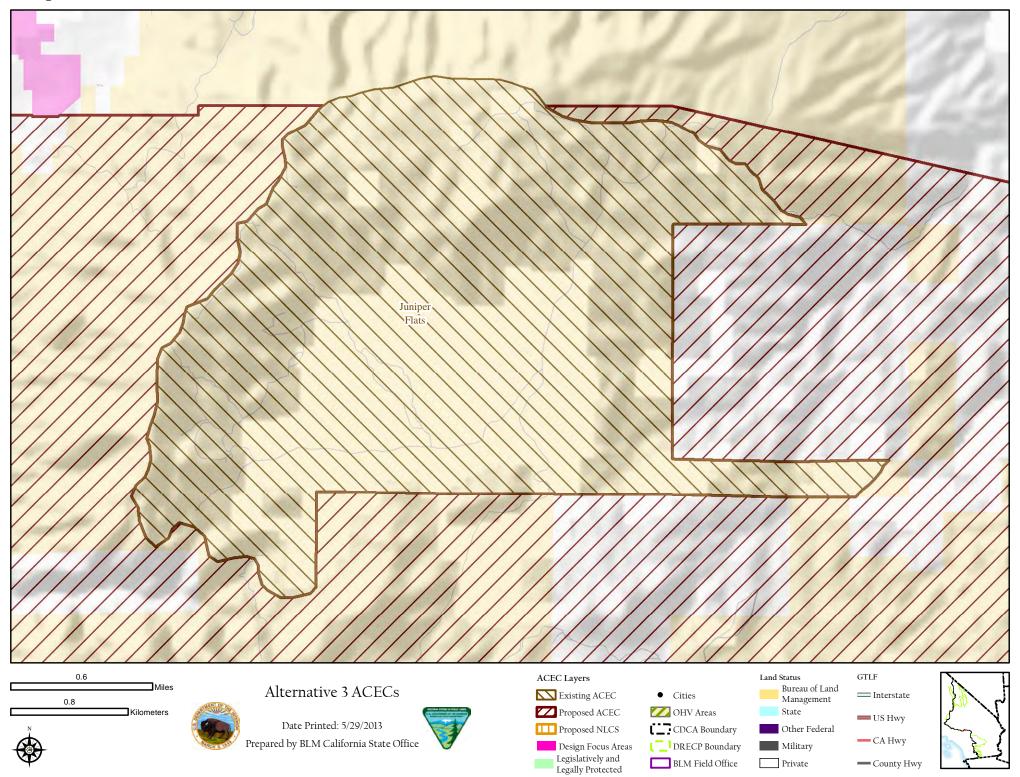
Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
Objective: Protect and enhance San Bernardino Mountains Dudleya (<i>Dudleya abramsii</i> ssp. <i>affinis</i>) populations Management Action #1: Survey for BLM sensitive species, identify current occupied and potential habitat, identify and implement actions to conserve and improve habitat conditions Management Action #2: Protect Natural Communities that are listed by the state as rare.	Vegetation - Including special status species
Objective: Manage for the protection of sensitive wildlife species Special Status Species: - San Diego horned lizard - Gray vireo Management Action: Survey for BLM sensitive species, identify current occupied and potential habitat, identify and implement actions to conserve and improve habitat conditions	Fish and Wildlife - Including special status species
See programmatic ACEC cultural resources objective and action items in general cultural resources rules.	Cultural Resources
Objective: General Management and Protection of Paleontological Resources Management Action 1: Manage and protect fossil resources consistent with the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act Management Action 2: Develop plans for the inventory, monitoring, and scientific and educational use of paleontological resources as needed	Paleontology
Objective: Protect sensitive cultural resources from human disturbance Allowable Uses: Restricted motorized use to designated open routs of travel Management Action 1: Monitor and enforce closure of selected routes of travel Management Action 2: Install signs and use barriers to direct vehicle traffic away from sensitive cultural resources	Trails and Travel Management
Objective: Provide for dispersed opportunities while protecting relevant resources	Recreation
Management Action: Do not establish new routes near sensitive cultural resources	
Objective: Protect cultural resources Management Action 1: Acquire public lands adjacent to current boundaries of Juniper Flats ACEC Management Action 2: Amend ACEC boundaries once land is acquired	Land Tenure

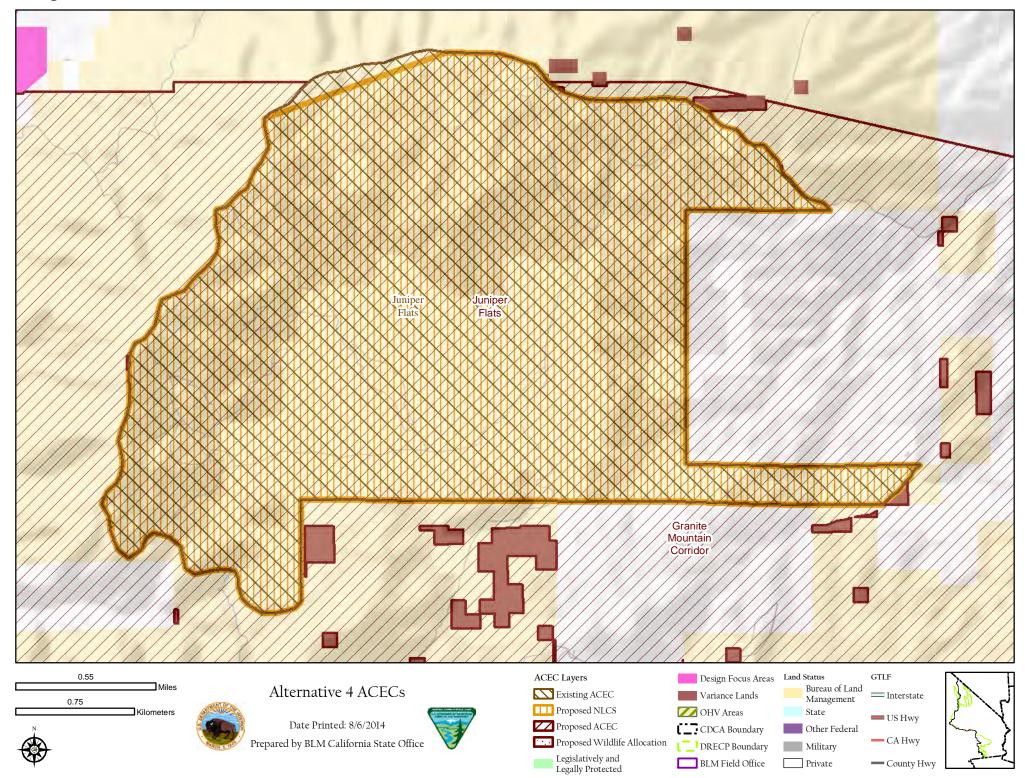
Objective: Protect resource values Allowable Uses: Exclusion zone for site ROW, okay for linear, no ROW which would impact cultural resources	Rights of Way (ROW)
Objective: Maintain integrity of large blocks of habitat Allowable Uses: Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria	Renewable Energy

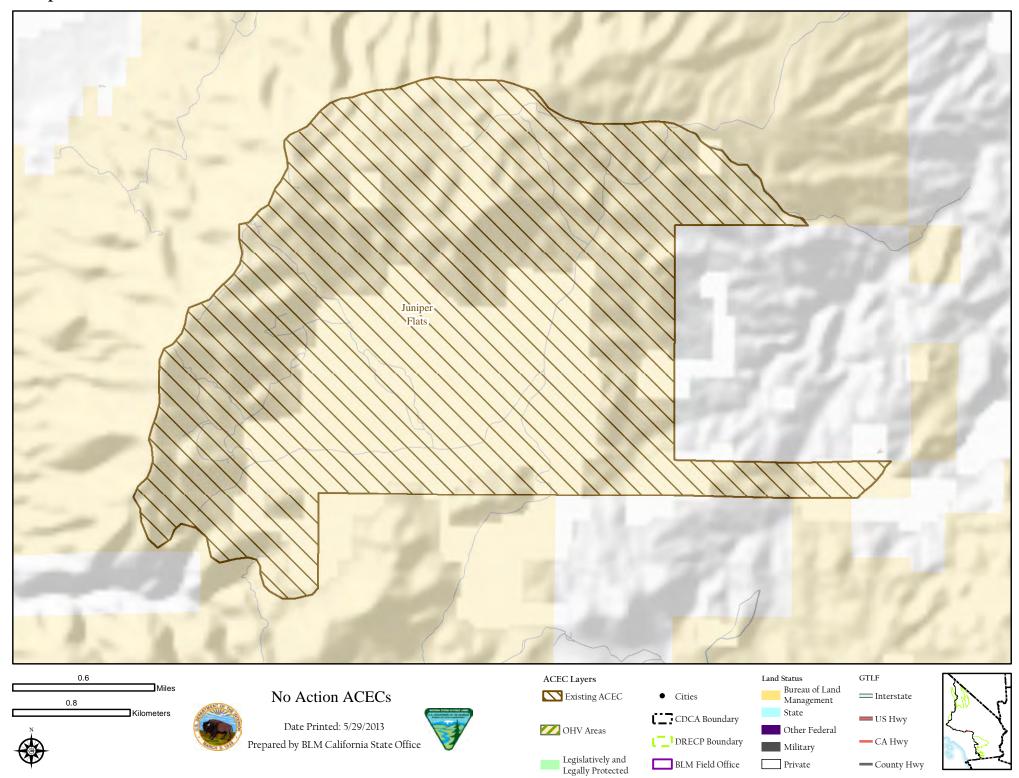












Daggett Ridge Mojave Monkeyflower

Description/Location: This is one of two units of the Mojave monkeyflower ACEC. This unit is completely encompasses by the Ord-Rodman, located in the northwest corner of the unit.

Nationally Significant Values:

Ecological: The area is important for botanical resources and to protect sensitive and restricted plant species, in particular the Mojave monkeyflower.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: ACEC established in 2006 West Mojave Plan

Relevance and Importance Criteria: The area is important for botanical resources and to protect sensitive and restrictive plant species, in particular the Mojave monkeyflower. This area is also identified as an important wildlife connectivity zone.

Goals: Protect biological values, including habitat quality, populations of sensitive species, and landscape connectivity while providing for compatible public uses.

For NLCS Lands: Where this ruleset differs from the plan-wide NLCS rulesets, the more restrictive rules will apply.

Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	26,000	0	1%
Preferred Alternative	26,000	26,000	0	0.5%
1	1,900	26,000	0	0.5%
2	26,000	26,000	0	0.25%
3	26,000	26,000	0	0.5%
4	26,000	26,000	0	0.25%

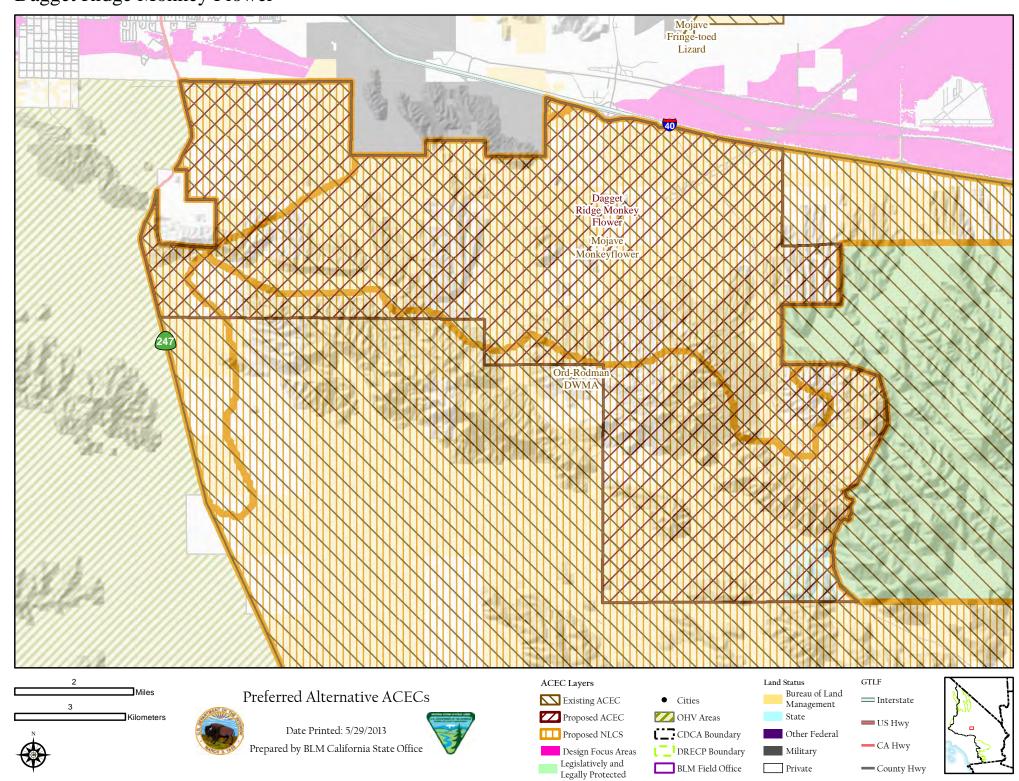
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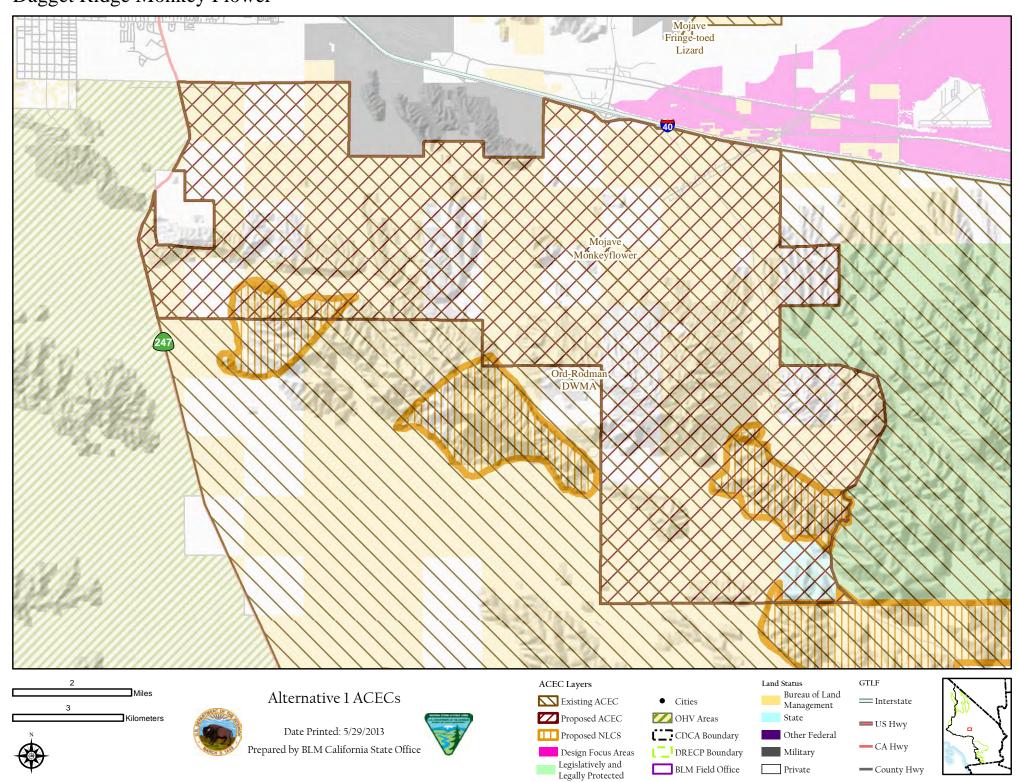
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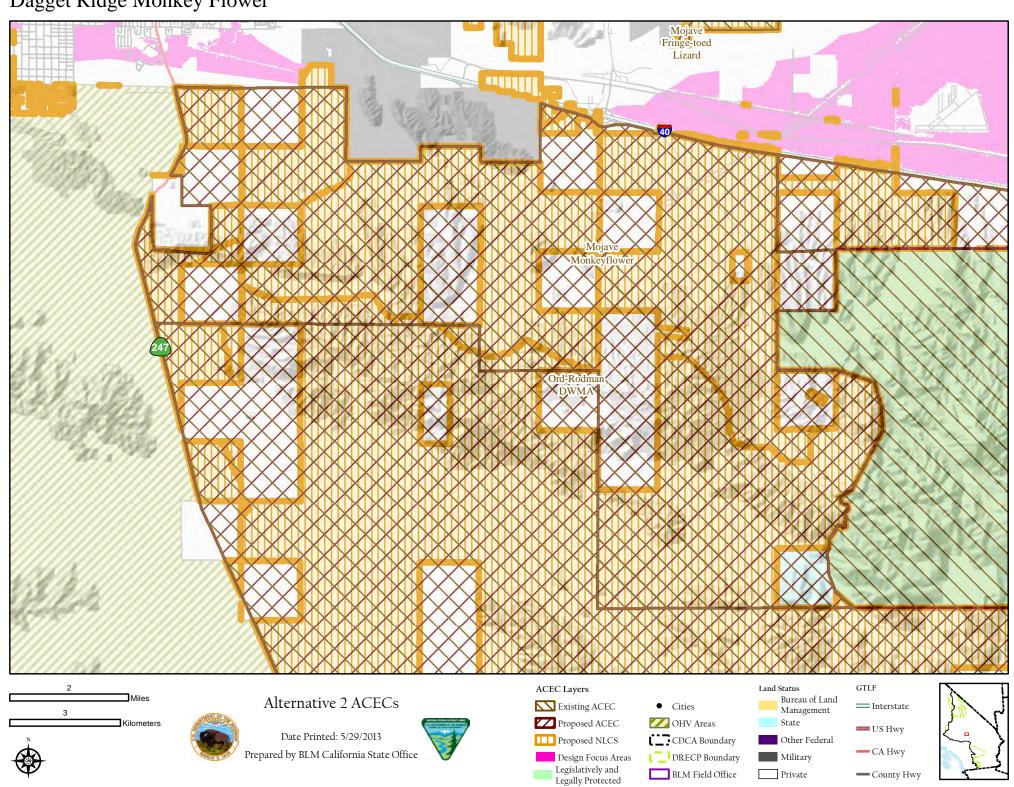
Under All Action Alternatives--This is an existing ACEC that completely overlaps the Ord-Rodman ACEC. To resolve this dual designation, all action alternatives will remove this unit from Ord-Rodman, the area will remained designated as this ACEC. The area will be managed for Mojave monkey flower and desert wildlife and vegetation communities.

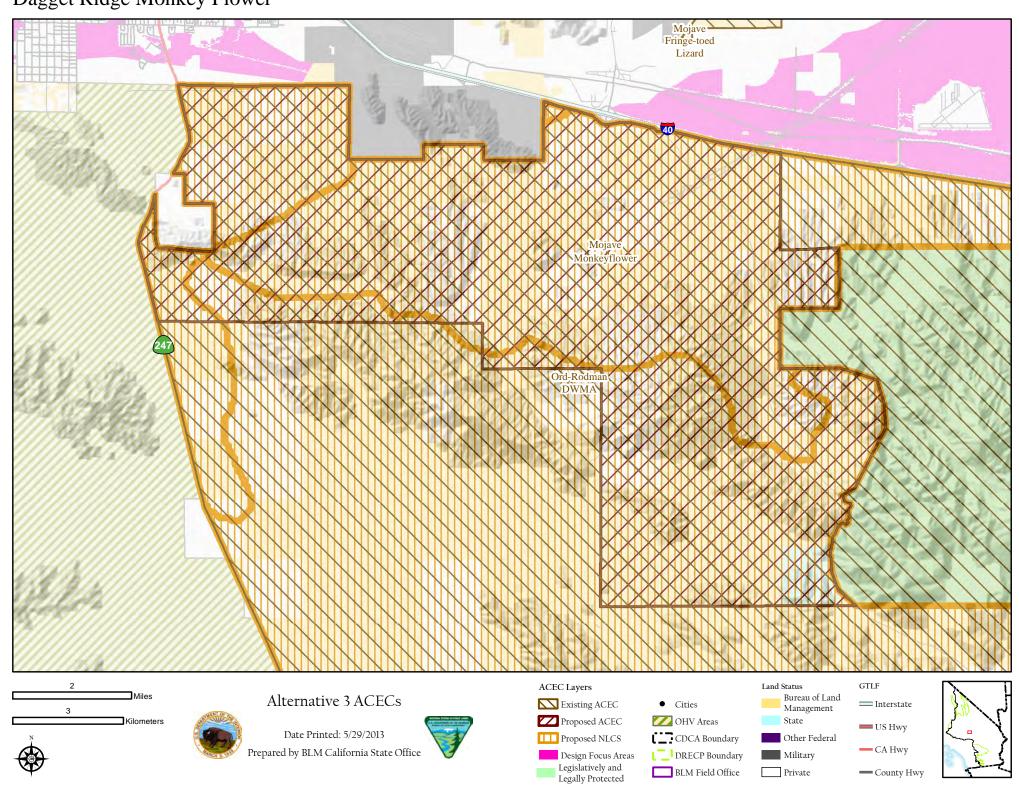
No Action – this existing ACEC would continue to be managed as it currently is, and the dual designation would remain.

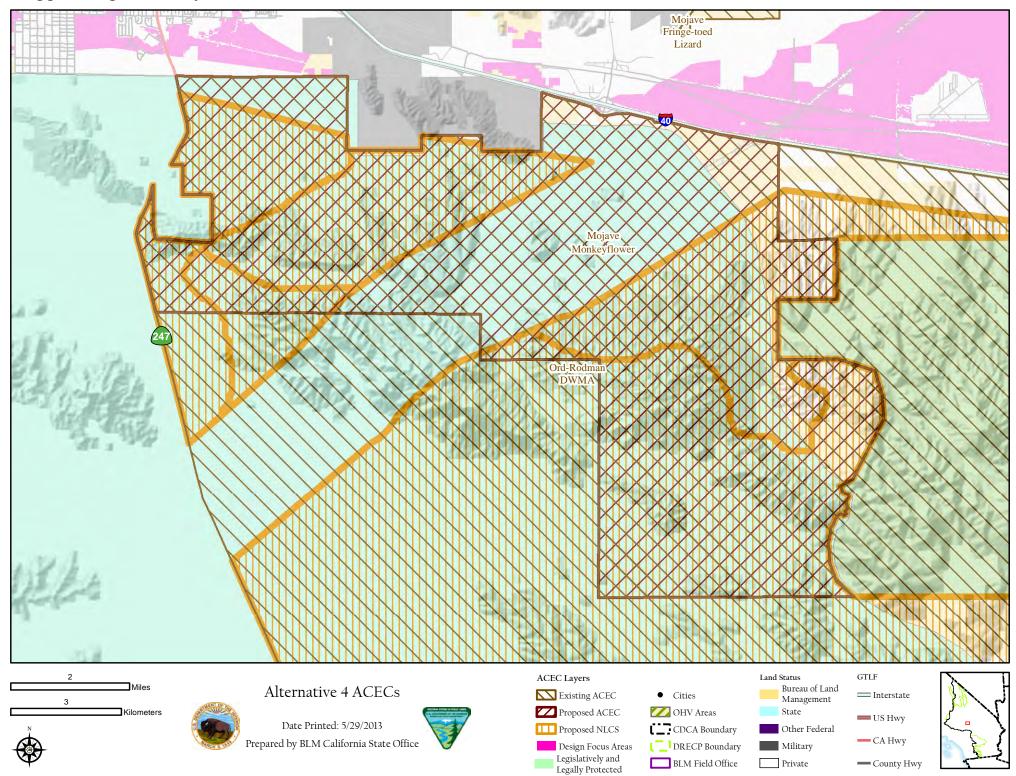
Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
Objective: Protect and enhance Mojave monkeyflower (Mimulus mohavensis)	Vegetation - Including
populations	special status species
Management Action 1: Protect viable populations on public land throughout the	
ange	
Management Action 2: Coordinate with mining companies to protect this species	
Management Action 3: Establish a core reserve on public land west of the	
Newberry Mountains	
Management Action 4: Provide site-specific management of occupied habitat on	
public lands outside the core reserves	
Management Action 5: Establish a private land mitigation bank	
Objective: Protect intact desert tortoise habitat	Fish and Wildlife -
Management Action: Maintain linkage connection across the ACEC to allow	Including special status
ortoise to move between other large habitat blocks	species
Objective: Protect Mojave monkeyflower from impacts associated with vehicle	Trails and Travel
raffic	Management
Allowable Uses: All vehicle traffic limited to designated roads and trails	
Management Action: Establish no new routes in ACEC	
Objective: Protect plant population by designation of OHV routes through the	Recreation
irea	
Management Action: Modify the WEMO Route Network to reflect open routes	
hrough the ACEC and close other existing unauthorized routes	
Objective: Protect the plants and habitat by retaining public lands within the	Land Tenure
ACEC	
Management Action: The conservation area will be deleted from the lands	
vailable for exchange in the Land Tenure Adjustment program	
Objective: Consolidate habitat management	
Management Action: Acquire inholdings from willing sellers	
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Objective: Protection of the Mohave monkeyflower populations	Rights of Way (ROW)
Allowable Uses: Exclusion zone for all new ROW except in existing utilities	, , ,
corridor	
Management Action: New utilities locating within the existing corridor will be	
equired to avoid monkeyflower occurrences to the maximum extent practicable	
and provide mitigation fees for compensation where avoidance is notfeasible	
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Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with	Renewable Energy
NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria	
Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development	
	Locatable Minerals
Objective: Protect Mojave monkevflower from mining activities	Mineral Materials
Objective: Protect Mojave monkeyflower from mining activities Management Action: Include stipulations to protect the monkey flower including	I MILLEL AL IMIALEITAIS
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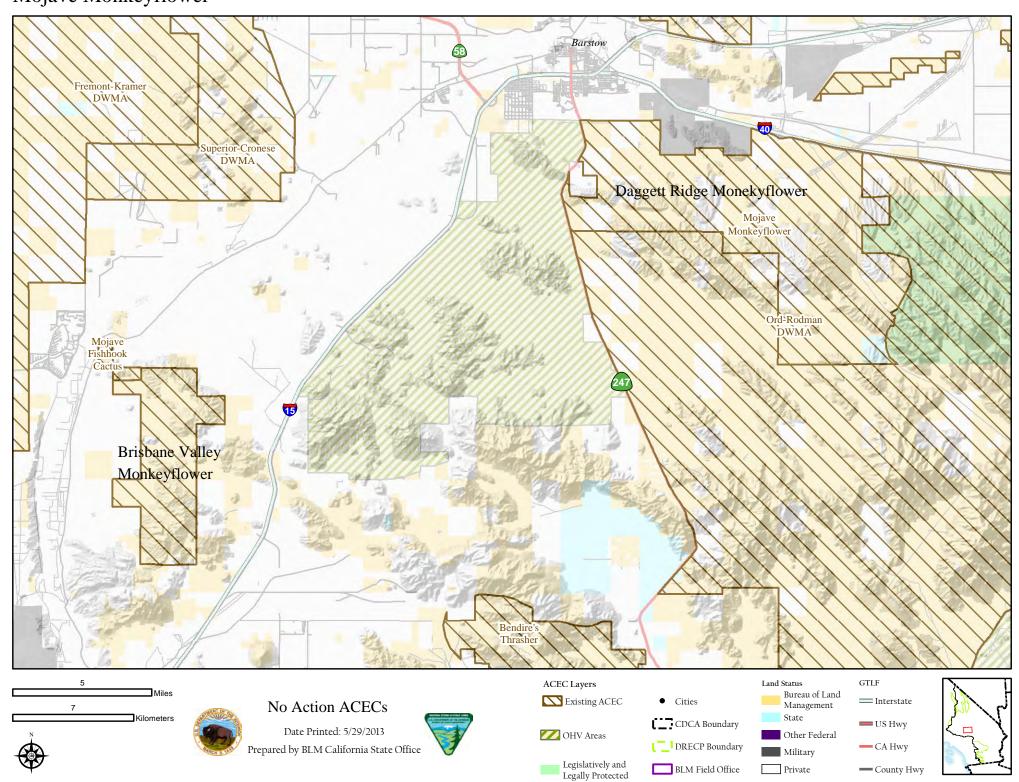








Mojave Monkeyflower



Ord Rodman

Description/Location: This triangular shaped unit is bounded by Interstate 40 on the north, Highway 247 on the west, and Johnson Valley OHV Area to the south-east.

Nationally Significant Values:

Ecological: This area provides high density Desert Tortoise habitat and encompassed designated desert tortoise critical habitat. This area provides critical tortoise habitat linkage.

Scientific: Parts of this area have been the subject of long-term population monitoring studies for the desert tortoise.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: Established in WEMO, March 2006. The West Mojave Plan serves as the ACEC management plan so that a future ACEC plan was not required.

Relevance and Importance Criteria: This area provides high density Desert tortoise habitat and encompassed designated desert tortoise critical habitat. This area provides critical tortoise habitat linkage.

Relevant wildlife resource values. Desert Tortoise habitat capable of sustaining viable tortoise populations and the highest value critical habitat.

Goals: Management of this area is prioritized for tortoise conservation and recovery until which time the tortoise may be delisted as per criteria given in the Recovery Plan. Manage area in accordance with the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan. Protect biological values, including habitat quality, populations of sensitive species, and landscape connectivity while providing for compatible public uses.

For NLCS Lands: Where this ruleset differs from the plan-wide NLCS rulesets, the more restrictive rules will apply.

Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	218,800	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	158,000	229,300	0	0.5%
1	43,300	218,800	0	0.5%
2	151,800	151,800	0	0.25%
3	157,800	218,800	0	0.5%
4	116,200	218,800	0	0.5%

^{*} Acreage values are for BLM managed lands

Alternatives:

Under All Action Alternatives – the portion of this ACEC that overlaps the Mojave monkey flower ACEC (the north west corner) would be removed from this ACEC (but remained designated at Mojave Monkey Flower ACEC) to eliminated the dual designation and assist the BLM in properly accounting number of acres in conservation status.

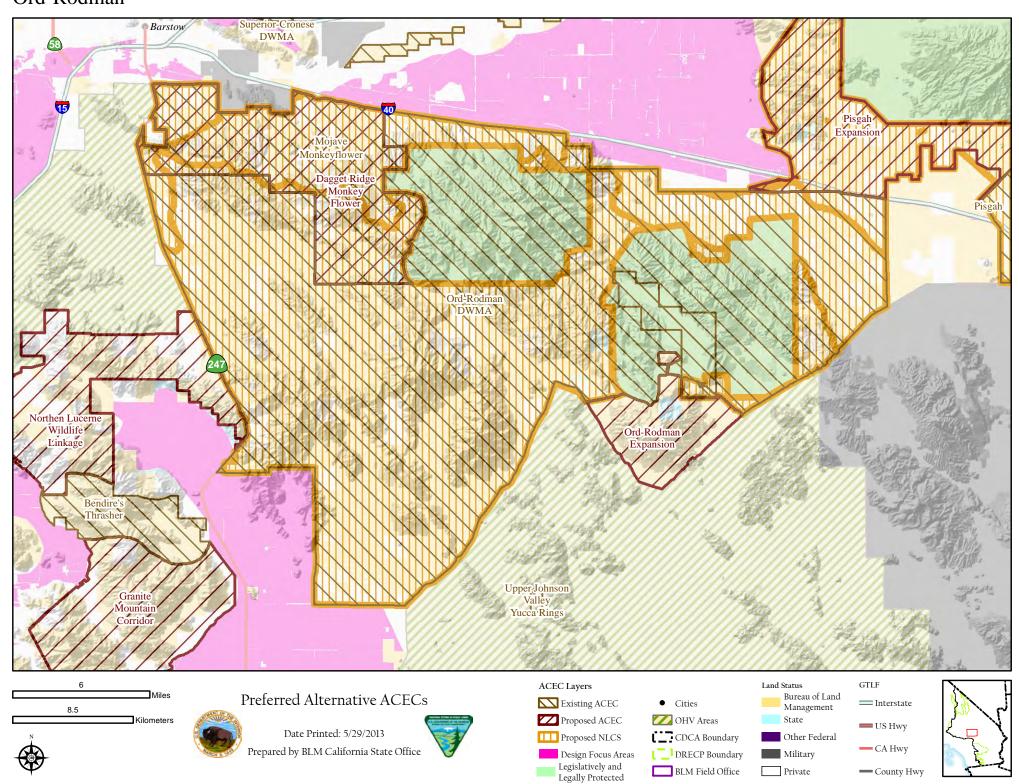
Under the preferred Alternative- this ACEC is expanded (see table above, and map that follows).

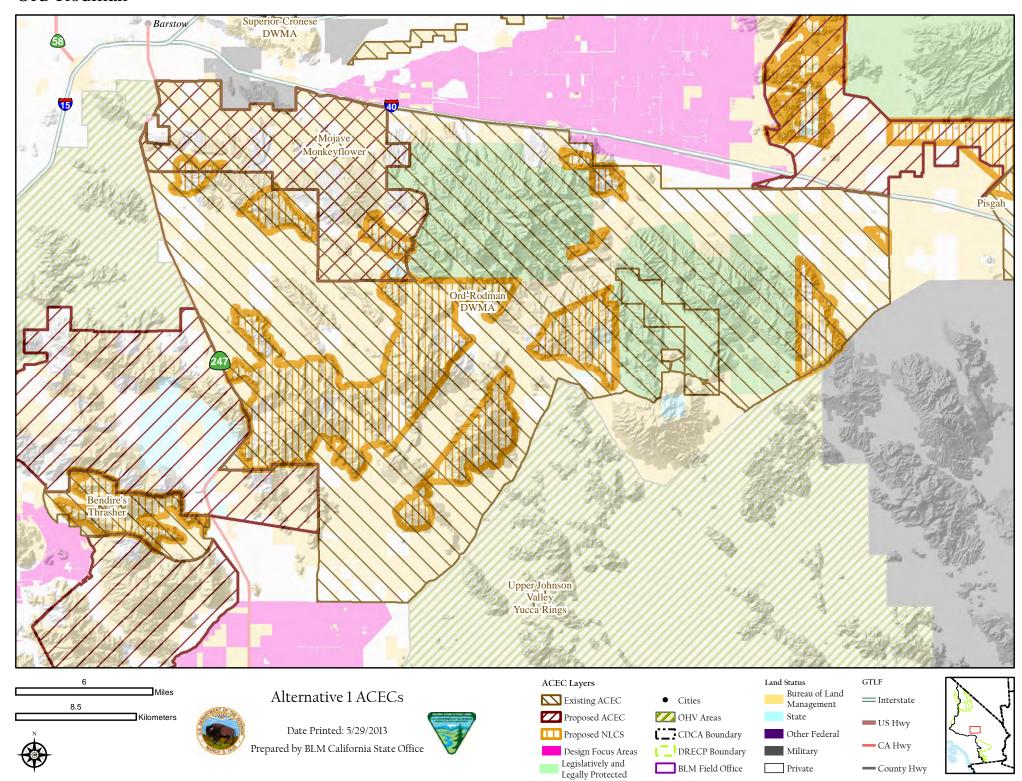
Under Alternative 2 – this ACEC is reduced in size, and portions in the south end of this area would be designated as a Development Focus Area.

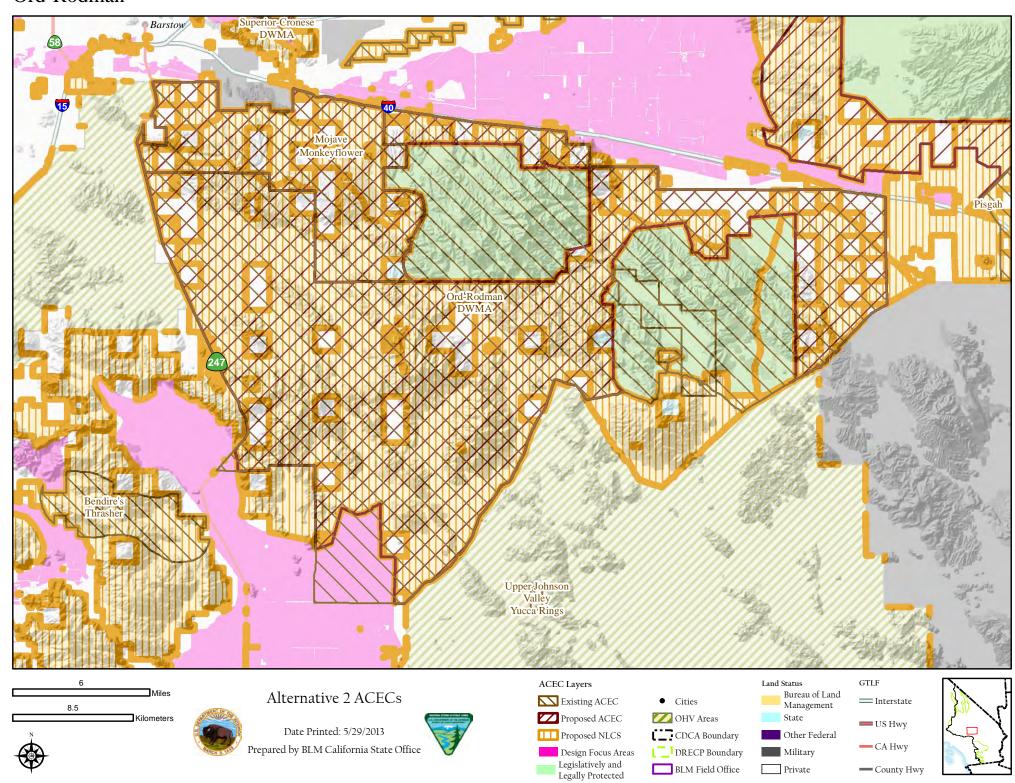
No Action – This existing ACEC would continue to be managed as it currently is, and the dual designation would remain.

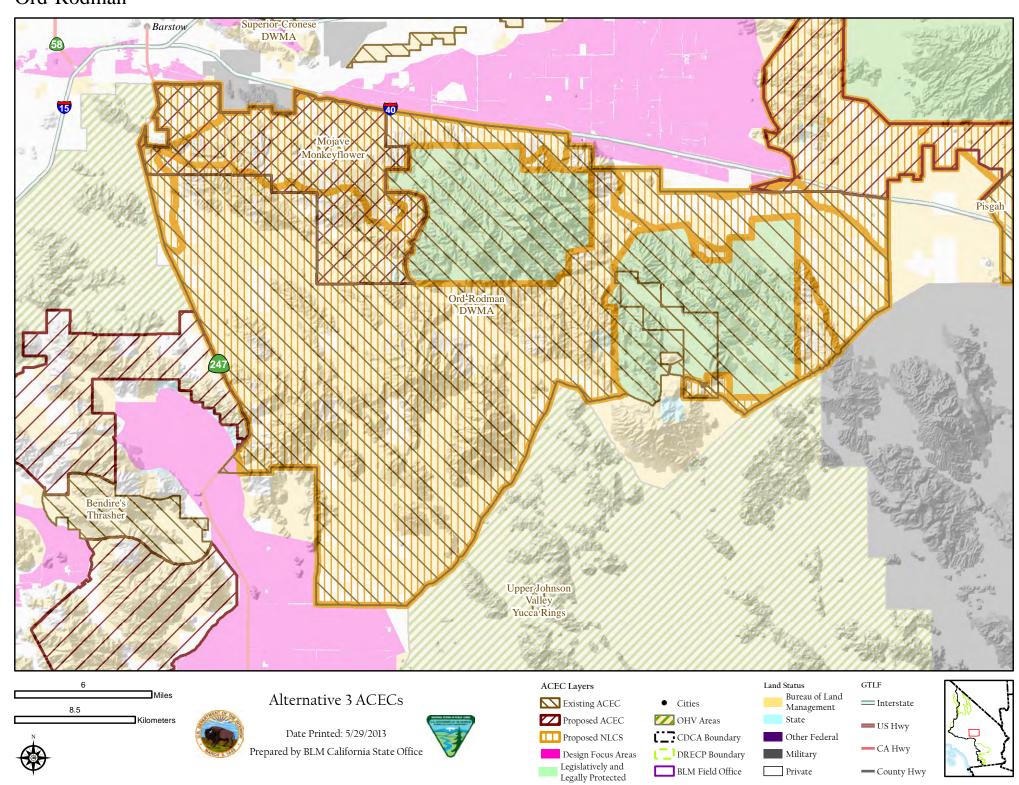
Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
Objective: Maintain or improve condition of desert tortoise habitat Management Action 1: Eradicate non-native invasive plants Management Action 2: Rehabilitate degraded areas using native species important to desert tortoise.	Vegetation - Including special status species
Management Action 3: Protect Natural Communities listed by the state as rare.	
Objective: Maintain or improve condition of Desert Tortoise habitat Management Action: Maintain viable populations and connections between other conservation areas	Fish and Wildlife Including special status species
Objective: Monitor log-term trends in desert tortoise populations Management Action: Implement Interagency Line Distance Sampling Protocol	
Objective: Protect sensitive habitat from impacts associated with vehicle traffic Allowable Uses: All vehicle traffic limited to designated roads and trails Management Action 1: Establish no new routes in ACEC Management Action 2: Modify the WEMO Route Network to reflect open routes through the ACEC and close other existing unauthorized routes	Trails and Travel Management
Objective: Inform the public of the importance of the ACEC Management Action: Install interpretive signs at access points to the ACEC, conduct public education efforts concerning OHV use in the desert, this is especially important at the interface between the ACEC and the Johnson Valley OHV Area	Recreation
Objective: Consolidate habitat management Management Action: Acquire inholdings from willing sellers	Land Tenure
Objective: Maintain wildlife linkage and protect desert tortoise critical habitat Management Action: To the degree possible, new utility right-of-ways shall be situated as closely together as practical given engineering specifications, human safety, and other limiting factors. If an option is available, Corridor W will be used rather than Corridor H in the Ord-Rodman ACEC.	Rights of Way (ROW)

Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria	Renewable Energy
Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development	
Objective: Protect from mining activities	Locatable Minerals
Management Action: Include stipulations to protect the monkey flower	Mineral Materials
including not disturbing occupied habitat	Non-Energy Leasable
Objective: Protect desert tortoise from impacts associated with cattle grazing	Livestock grazing
Management Action: There is a current cattle allotment within this ACEC. It was	
identified in WEMO for retirement should the permitee voluntarily relinquish it.	

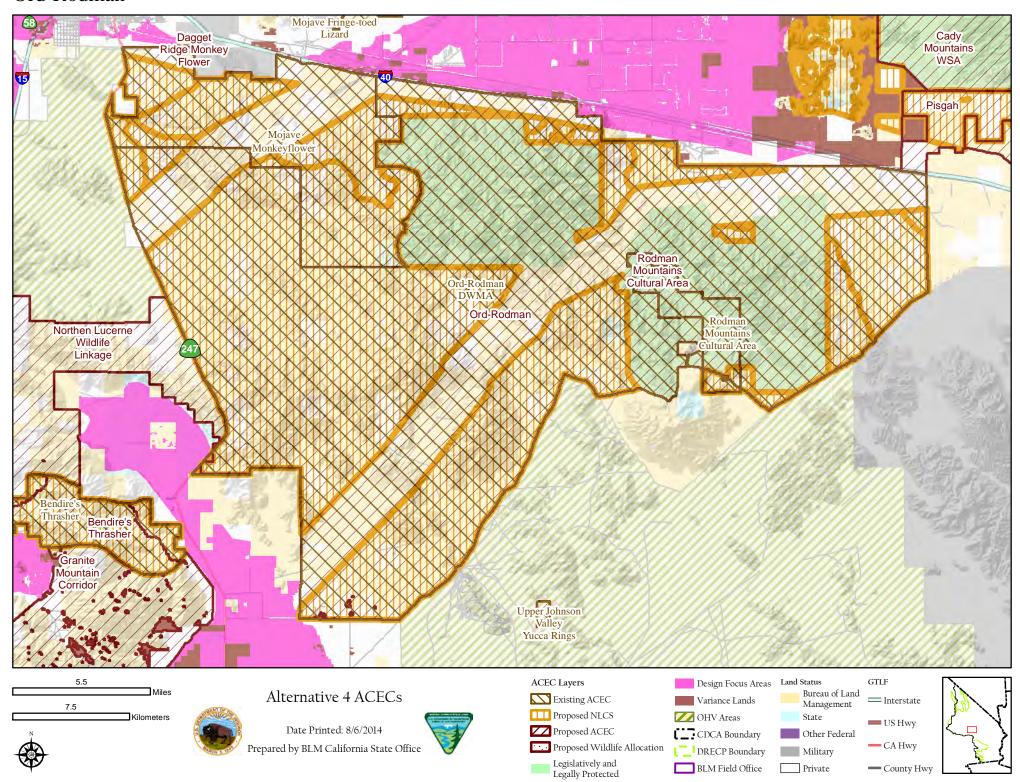




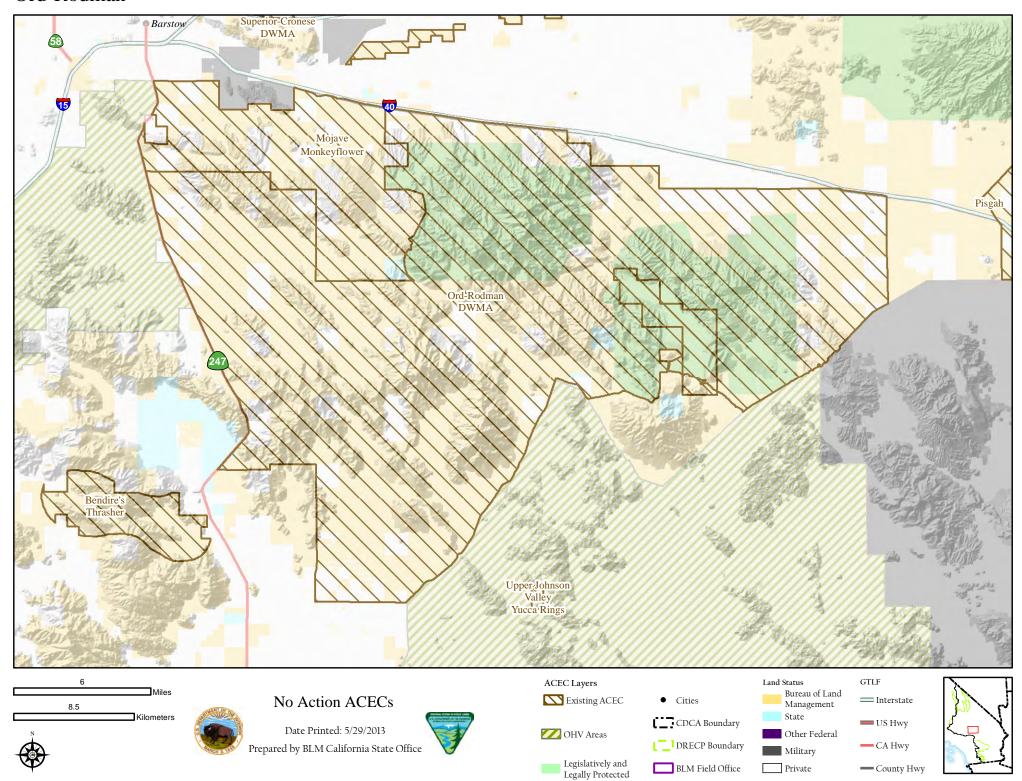




Ord-Rodman



Ord-Rodman



Description/Location: This unit is east-south east of Twentynine Palms. It is bounded on the north by Highway 62 and is surrounded on the three remaining sides by Joshua Tree National Park.

Nationally Significant Values:

Ecological: This area provides high density Desert tortoise habitat and encompassed designated desert tortoise critical habitat. This area provides critical tortoise habitat linkage. This is a large block of relatively undisturbed habitat which maintains landscape level integrity.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: Established in WEMO, March 2006.

Relevance and Importance Criteria This area provides high density Desert Tortoise habitat and encompassed designated desert tortoise critical habitat. This area provides critical tortoise habitat linkage.

Goals: This unit will be managed for tortoise conservation and recovery until which time the tortoise may be delisted as per criteria given in the Recovery Plan. Manage area in accordance with the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan. Protect biological values, including habitat quality, populations of sensitive species, and landscape connectivity while providing for compatible public uses.

For NLCS Lands: Where this ruleset differs from the plan-wide NLCS rulesets, the more restrictive rules will apply.

Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

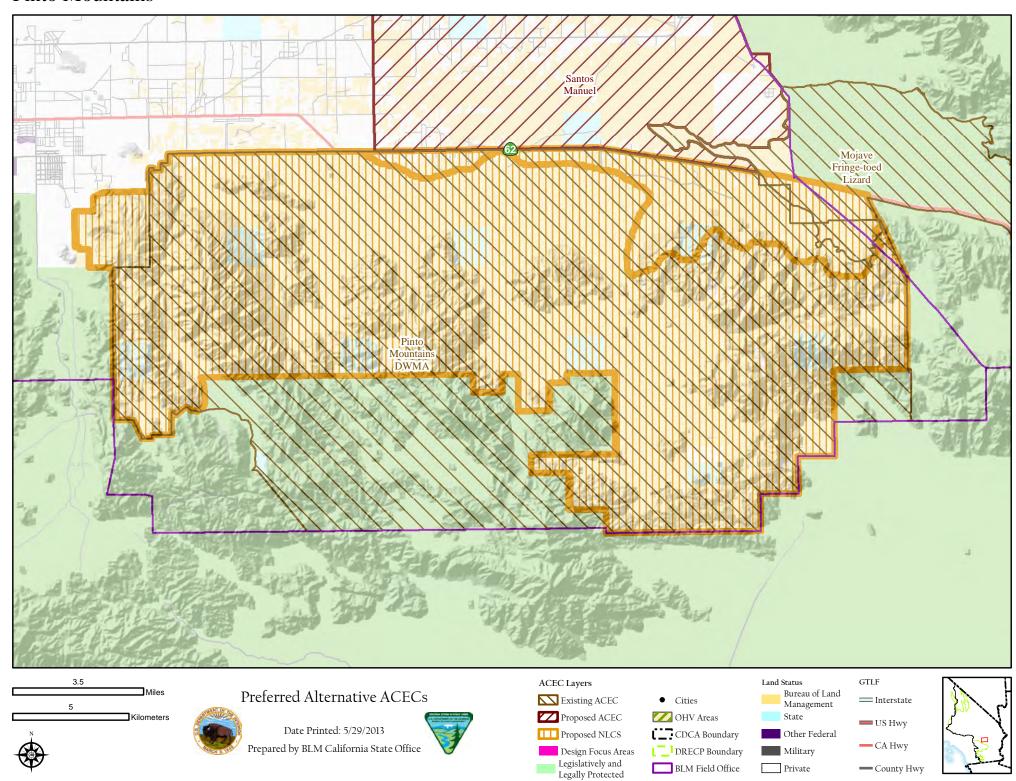
Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	110,000	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	85,600	110,000	0	0.5%
1	0	110,000	0	0.5%
2	85,600	110,000	0	0.5%
3	85,600	110,000	0	0.5%
4	85,600	110,000	0	0.5%

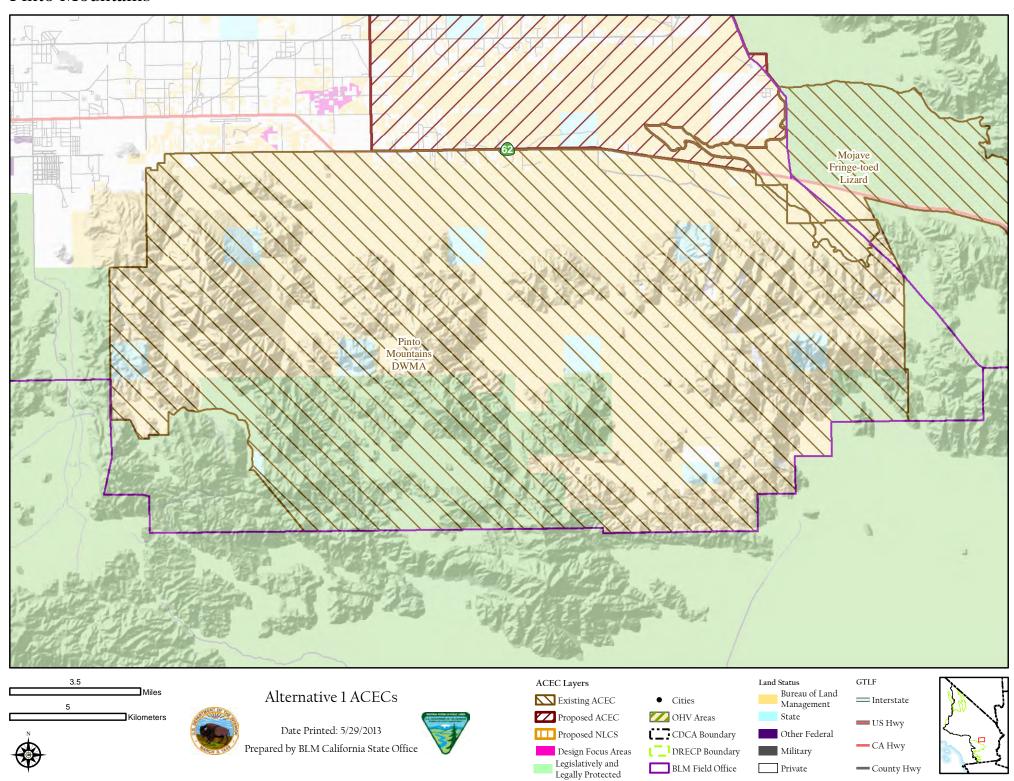
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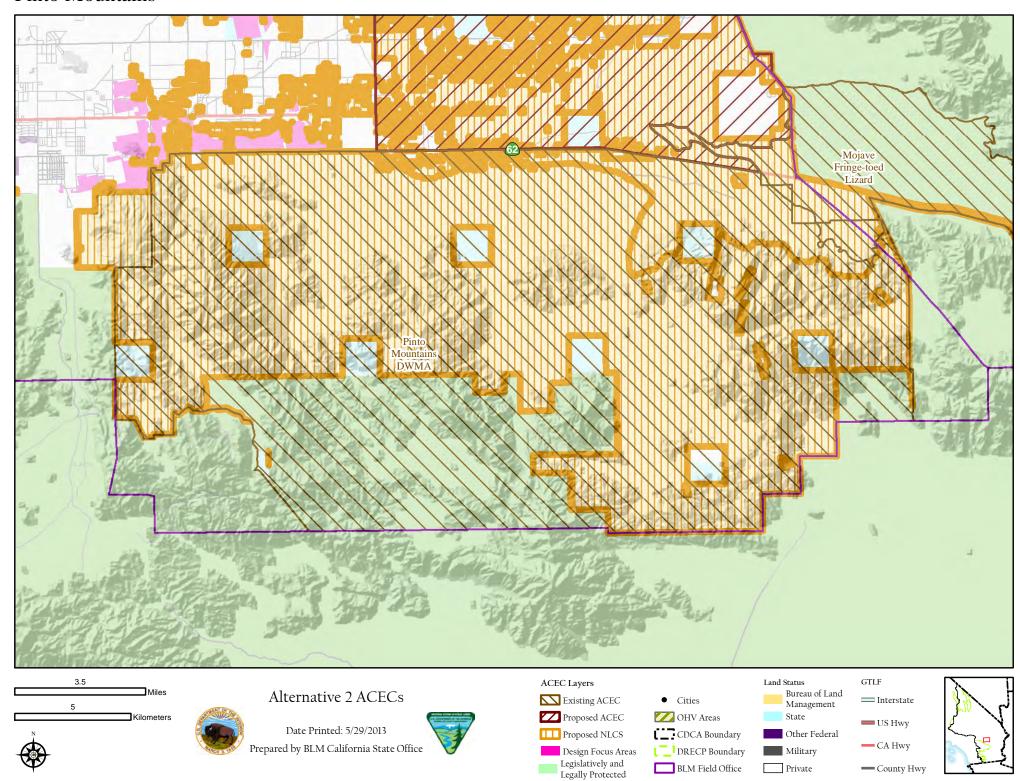
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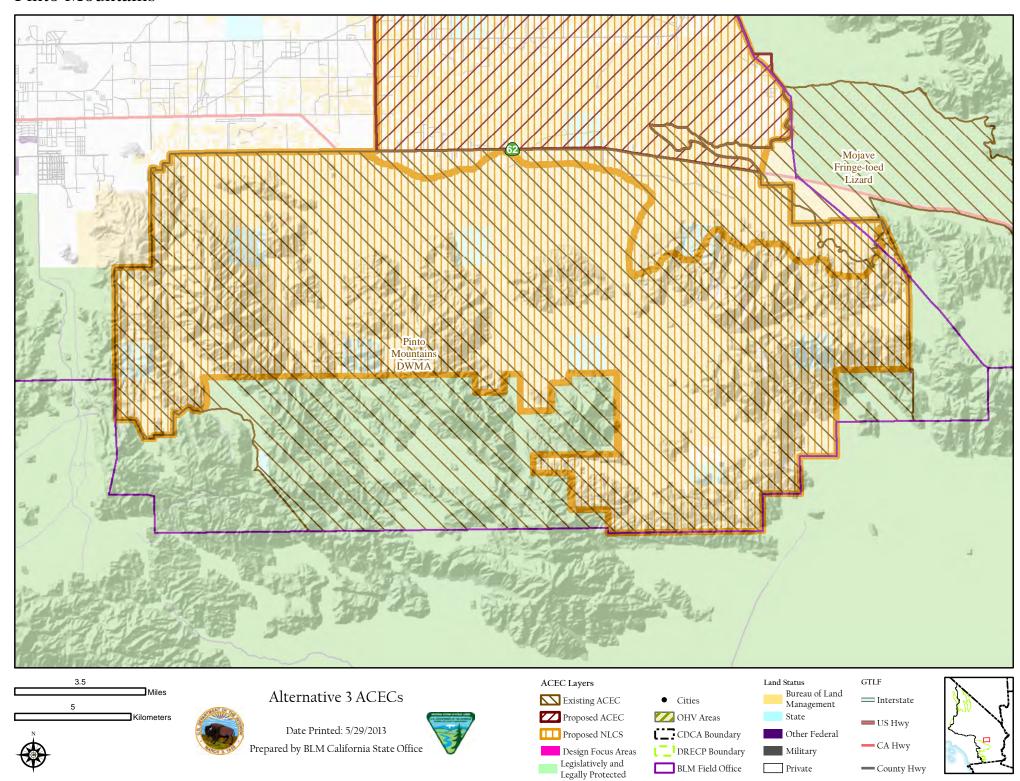
All Alternatives – this existing ACEC would continue to be managed as it currently is.

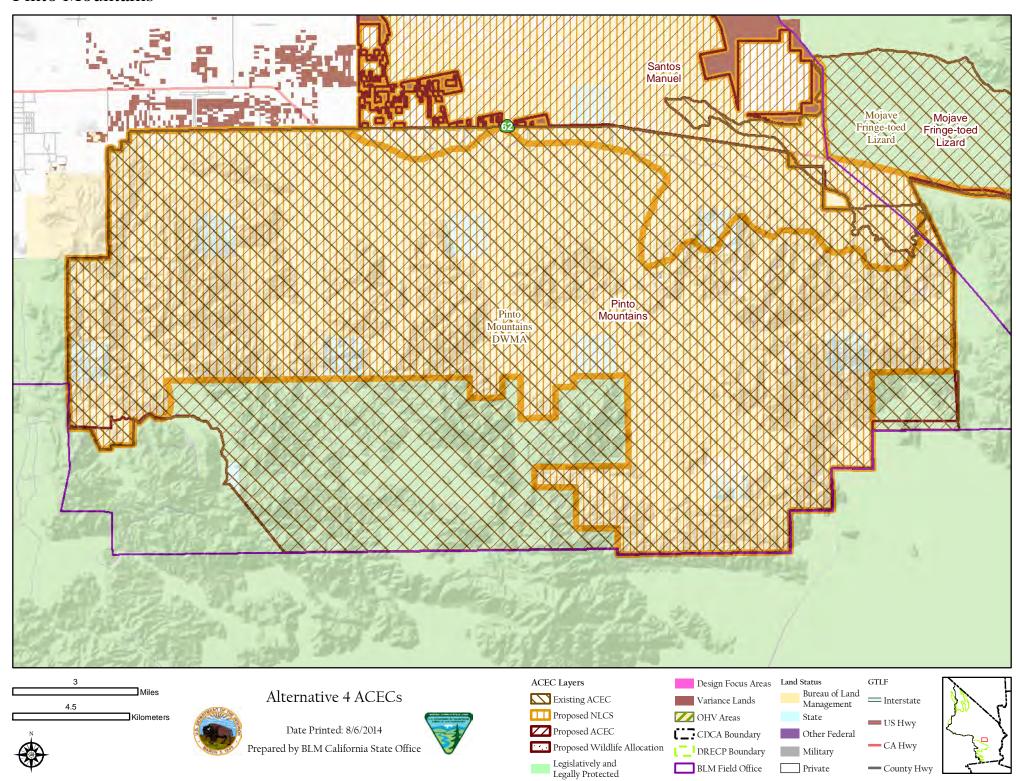
Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
Objective: Maintain or improve condition of desert tortoise habitat	Vegetation - Including
Objective 1: Eradicate non-native invasive plants	special status species
Objective 2: Rehabilitate degraded areas using native species important to	
desert tortoise.	
Objective 3: Protect Natural Communities listed by the state as rare.	
Objective: Maintain or improve condition of Desert Tortoise habitat	Fish and Wildlife Including
Management Action: Maintain viable populations and connections between other conservation areas	special status species
Objective: Monitor log-term trends in desert tortoise populations	
Management Action: A line distance sampling (or other scientifically credible	
method, if distance sampling proves ineffective) would be implemented in the Pinto Mountain DWMA	
Objective: Protect sensitive habitat from impacts associated with vehicle	Trails and Travel
traffic	Management
Allowable Uses: All vehicle traffic limited to designated roads and trails	
Management Action 1: Establish no new routes in ACEC	
Management Action 2: Management Action: Modify the WEMO Route	
Network to reflect open routes through the ACEC and close other existing	
unauthorized routes	
Objective: Inform the public of the importance of the ACEC	Recreation
Management Action: Install interpretive signs at access points to the ACEC,	
conduct public education efforts concerning OHV use in the desert	
Objective: Consolidate habitat management	Land Tenure
Management Action: Acquire inholdings from willing sellers	
Objective: Maintain wildlife linkage and protect desert tortoise critical habitat	Rights of Way (ROW)
Management Action: To the degree possible, new utility right-of-ways shall not	
interfere with connectivity across the ACEC	
Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with	Renewable Energy
NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria	
Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development	

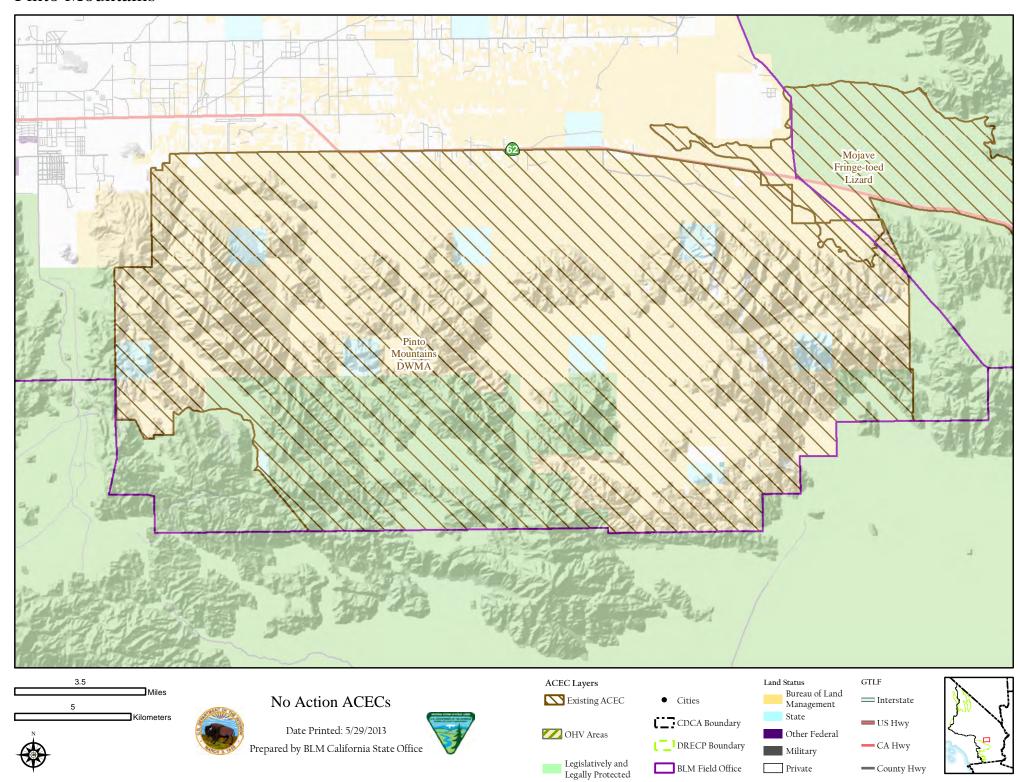












Description/Location: South of Interstate 40 and almost completely within the Rodman Mountain Wilderness Area. It is approximately 23 miles east-southeast of Barstow. A portion of the ACEC is within the Rodman Wilderness.

Nationally Significant Values:

Cultural: Important cultural resources in the area that may lend to a better understanding of prehistoric cultures in the Mojave. The area is important to the religious and spiritual concerns of native Americans.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: Established in WEMO, March 2006. The West Mojave Plan serves as the ACEC management plan so that a future ACEC plan was not be required.

Relevance and Importance Criteria: Important cultural and wildlife values. Cultural resources in the area that may lend to a better understanding of prehistoric cultures in the Mojave. The area is important to the religious and spiritual concerns of Native Americans. This area is also includes limited Desert tortoise habitat. Most of this area is within the Rodman Mountains Wilderness.

Goals: Preserve and protect important cultural resources.

For NLCS Lands: Where this ruleset differs from the plan-wide NLCS rulesets, the more restrictive rules will apply.

Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	6,200	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	800	6,200	0	0.5
1	0	6,200	0	0.5
2	6,200**	6,200	0	0.5
3	800	6,200	0	0.5
4	800	6,200	0	0.5

^{*} Acreage values are for BLM managed lands

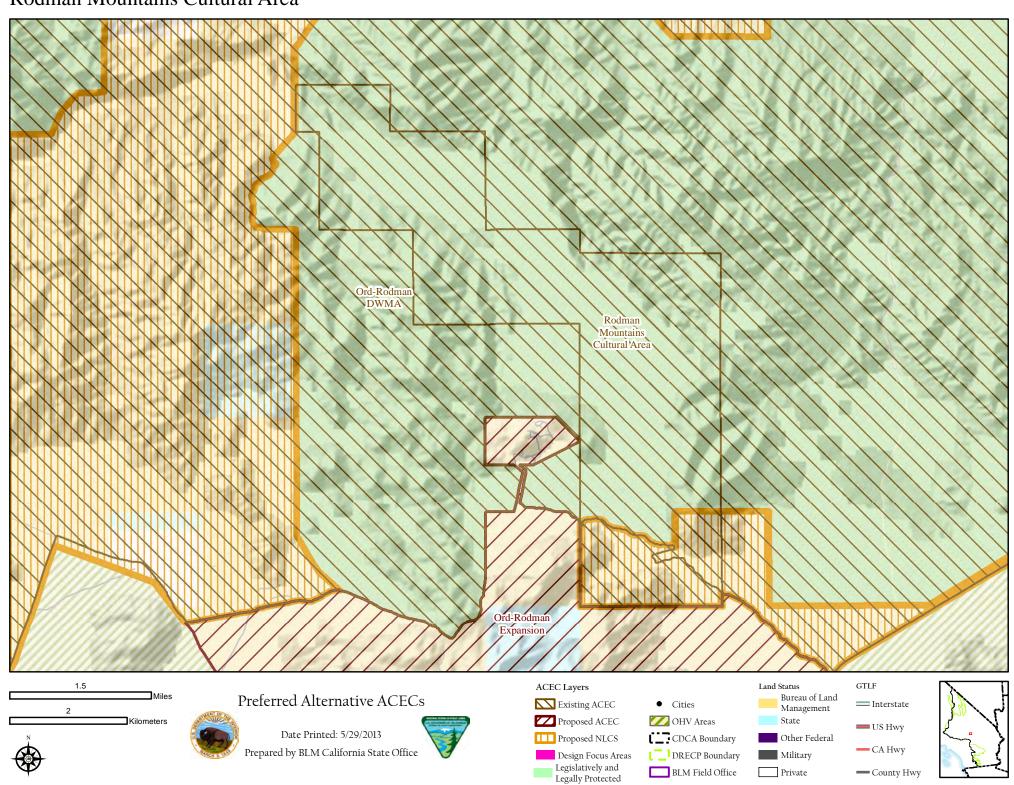
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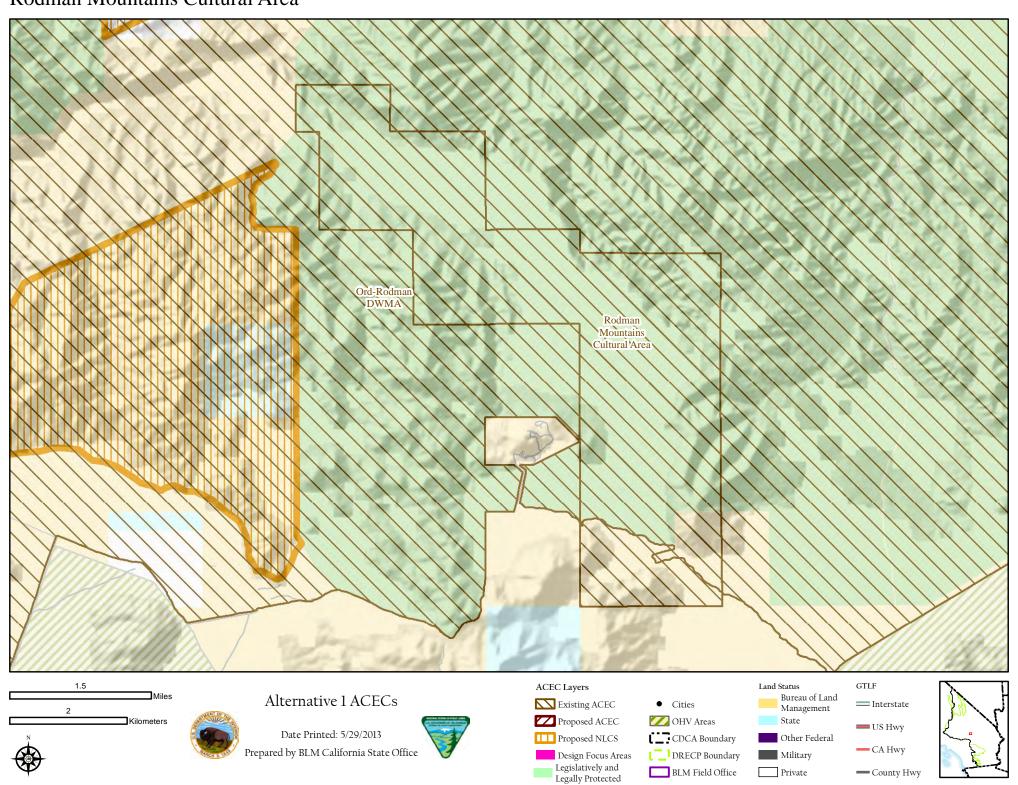
All Action Alternatives: This unit almost completely overlaps the Ord-Rodman ACEC. To resolve this dual designation, all action alternatives will remove this unit from Ord-Rodman, it will remain designated and the Rodman Mountain Cultural Area. This ACEC will continue to be managed as it is currently.

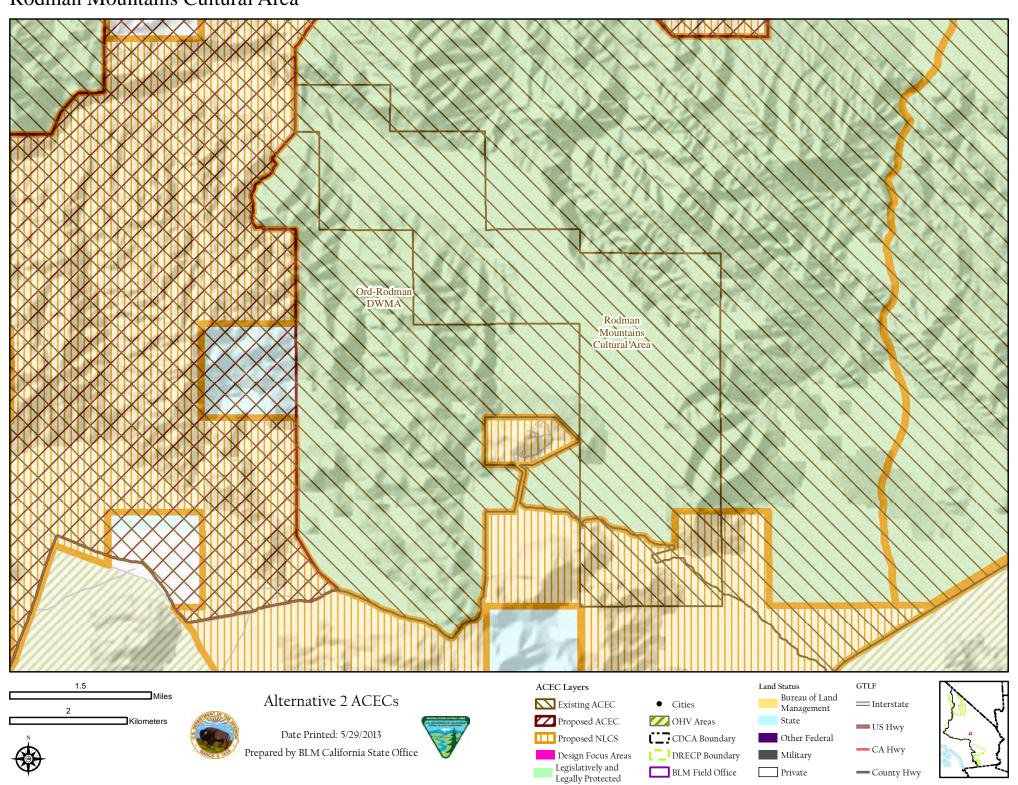
No Action- This existing ACEC would continue to be managed as it is, and the dual designation would remain.

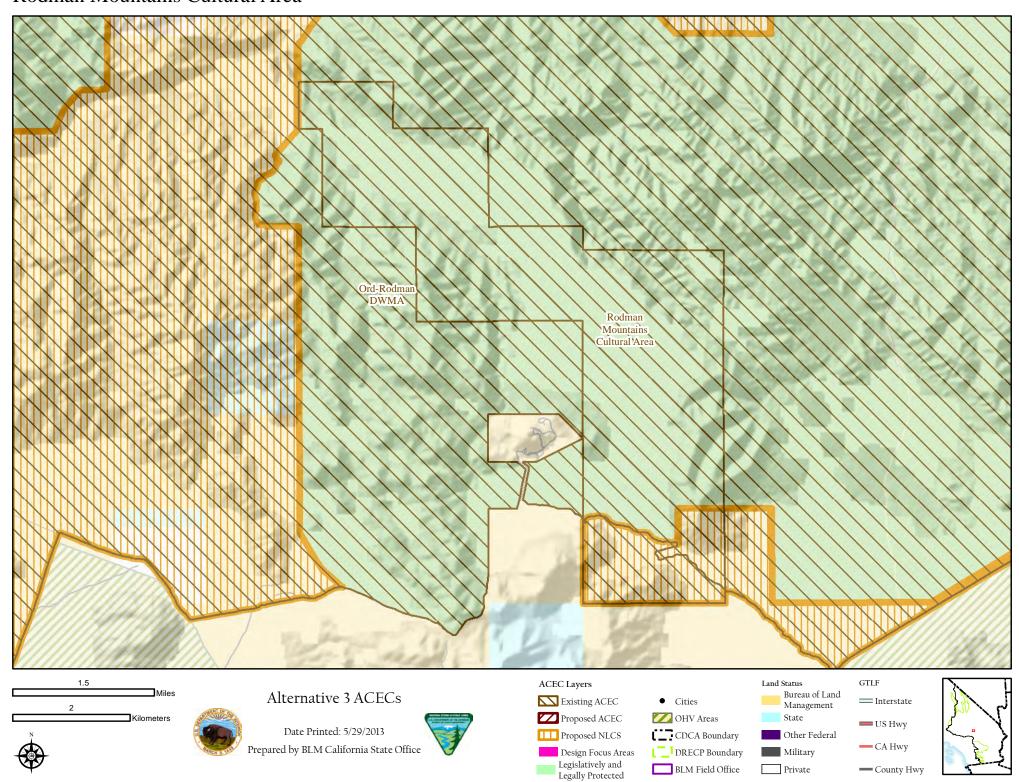
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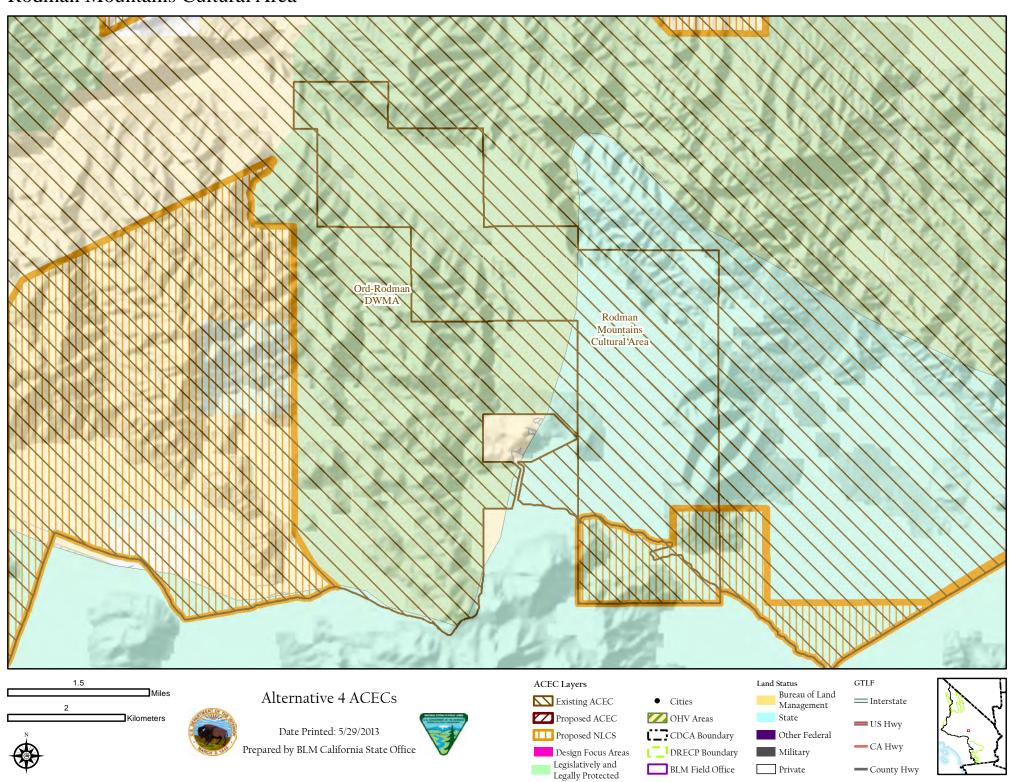
Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
Objective: Maintain or improve condition of Desert Tortoise habitat	Vegetation - Including
Management Action: Eradicate non-native invasive plants	special status species
Management Action 2: Rehabilitate degraded areas using native species	
important to desert tortoise.	
Management Action 3: Protect Natural Communities listed by the state as rare.	
Objective: Maintain or improve condition of Desert Tortoise habitat	Fish and Wildlife Including
Management Action: Maintain viable populations and connections between	special status species
other conservation areas	
Objective: Protect cultural and religious value of area for Native Americans	Cultural Resources
Management Action: Maintain landscape in undisturbed condition	
See programmatic ACEC cultural resources objective and action items in	
general cultural resources rules.	
Objective: Protect sensitive habitat from impacts associated with vehicle	Trails and Travel
traffic	Management
Allowable Uses: All vehicle traffic limited to designated roads and trails	
Management Action 1: Establish no new routes in ACEC	
Management Action 2: Management Action: Modify the WEMO Route	
Network to reflect open routes through the ACEC and close other existing	
unauthorized routes	
Objective: Inform the public of the importance of the ACEC	Recreation
Management Action: Install interpretive signs at access points to the ACEC,	
conduct public education efforts concerning OHV use in the desert, this is	
especially important at the interface between the ACEC and the Johnson Valley	
OHV Area	
Objective: Prevent impacts associated with vehicle traffic	
Allowable Uses: Restricted vehicle camping to within 100ft of designated open	
roads,	
Competitive speed events prohibited	
Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with	Renewable Energy
NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria	
Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development	
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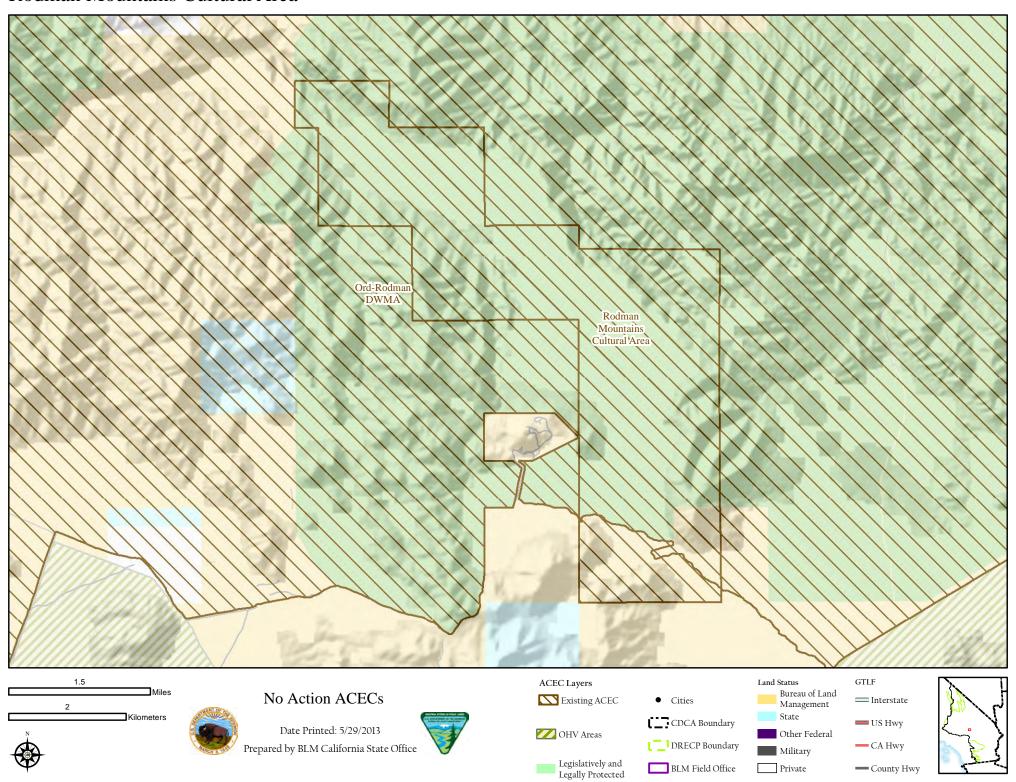












Description/Location: Located in section 17 of township 4 North, Range 3 East, in San Bernardino County. Access is from State Highway 247 which travels south from Barstow.

Nationally Significant Values:

Ecological: This area was designated to protect an Unusual Plant Assemblage; the largest know creosote rings on public lands administered by the federal government are situated within the unit. The rings of creosote within the unit area have recently been identified as the world's oldest living plant. The uniqueness, high research value, and susceptibility to damage from intensive recreation uses are the principle reasons for its designation.

Scientific: The creosote rings provide a unique opportunity for studying the worlds living organisms.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: Plan 47/1982

Relevance and Importance Criteria: Relevant biological resources. This area was designated to protect an Unusual Plant Assemblage, the largest know creosote rings on public lands administered by the federal government are situated within the ACEC. The rings of creosote within the ACEC area have recently been identified as the world's oldest living plant. The uniqueness, high research value, and susceptibility to damage from intensive recreation uses are the principle reasons for its designation.

Goals: To provide high level protection to the creosote rings while providing compatible recreational opportunities.

For NLCS Lands: Where this ruleset differs from the plan-wide NLCS rulesets, the more restrictive rules will apply.

Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	200	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	200	200	0	0.10%
1	0	400	0	0.5%
2	200	200	0	0.10%
3	0	500	0	0.5%
4	200	500	0	0.5%

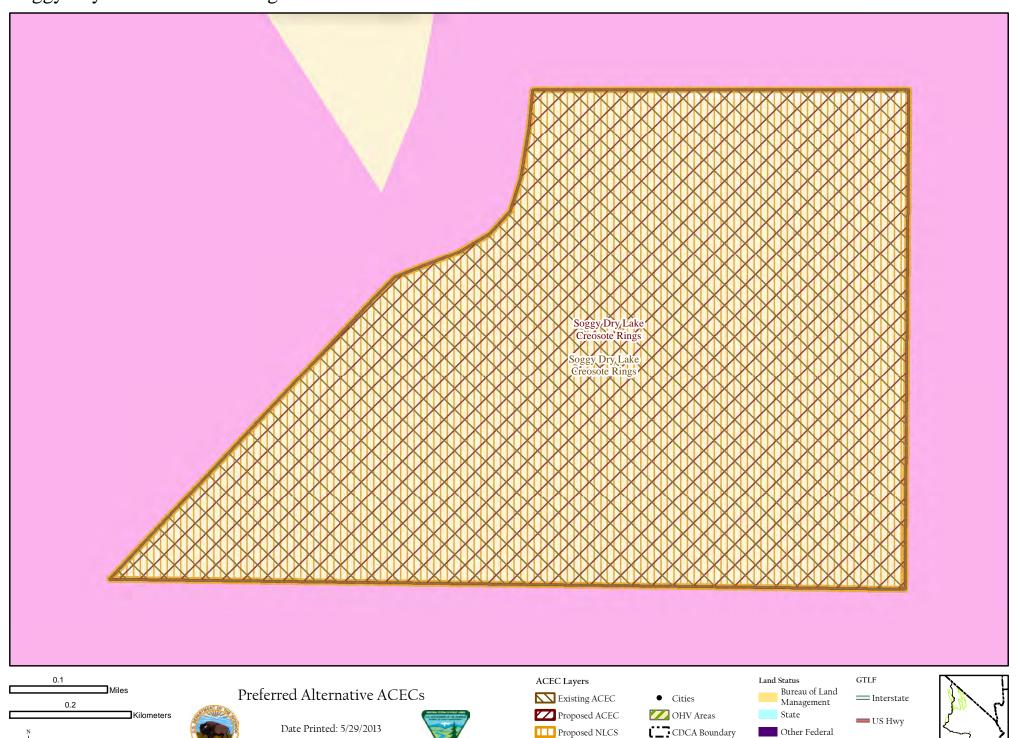
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Alternatives:

All Action Alternatives – This area would be managed as it currently is. Some alternatives increase the size of this conservation area (see table above and maps to follow).

No Action: This area would be managed as it currently is.

Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
Objective: Protect sensitive creosote rings from human disturbance	Vegetation - Including
Management Action 1: Fence a representative group of creosote rings covering about six acres	special status species
Management Action 2: Prohibit harvest of vegetation	
Management Action 3: Post interpretive signs Management Action 4: Provide continued opportunities for research by BLM,	
scientific institutions, and individuals	
Management Action 5: Implement a monitoring program to evaluate	
protective measures	
Objective: General management and protection of paleontological resources	Paleontology
Management Action 1: Develop plans for the inventory, monitoring, and	i dicontology
scientific and educational use of paleontological resources as needed	
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Objective: Protect creosote rings from impacts associated with vehicle traffic	Trails and Travel
Allowable Uses: Closed to all vehicle use	Management
For Alternatives 1, 3, and 4:	Land Tenure
Objective: Consolidate resource management	
Management Action: Acquire all inholdings from willing sellers	
Right of Way Avoidance Area	Rights of Way (ROW)
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Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with	Renewable Energy
NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria	
Geothermal: Area is closed to geothermal leasing and development	
Objective: Protect creosote rings from impacts associated with mining	Locatable Minerals
activities	Mineral Materials
Allowable Uses: No mining claims; No locatable, leasable, or saleable minerals	Non-Energy Leasables
Management Action: Propose Withdrawal	



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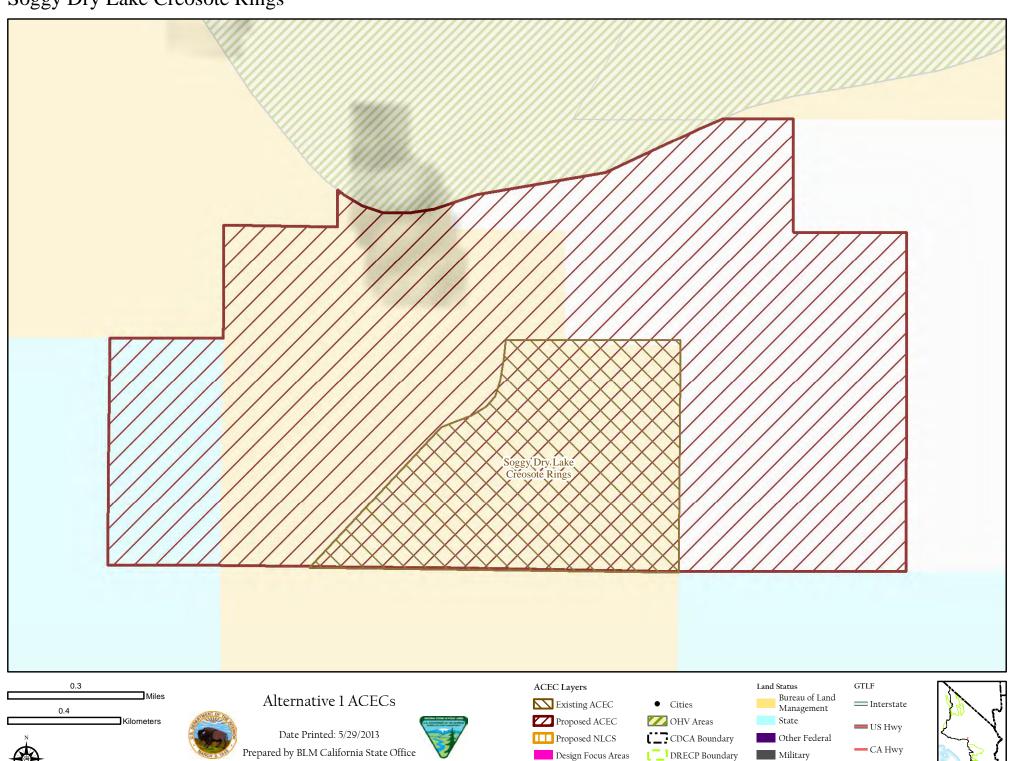
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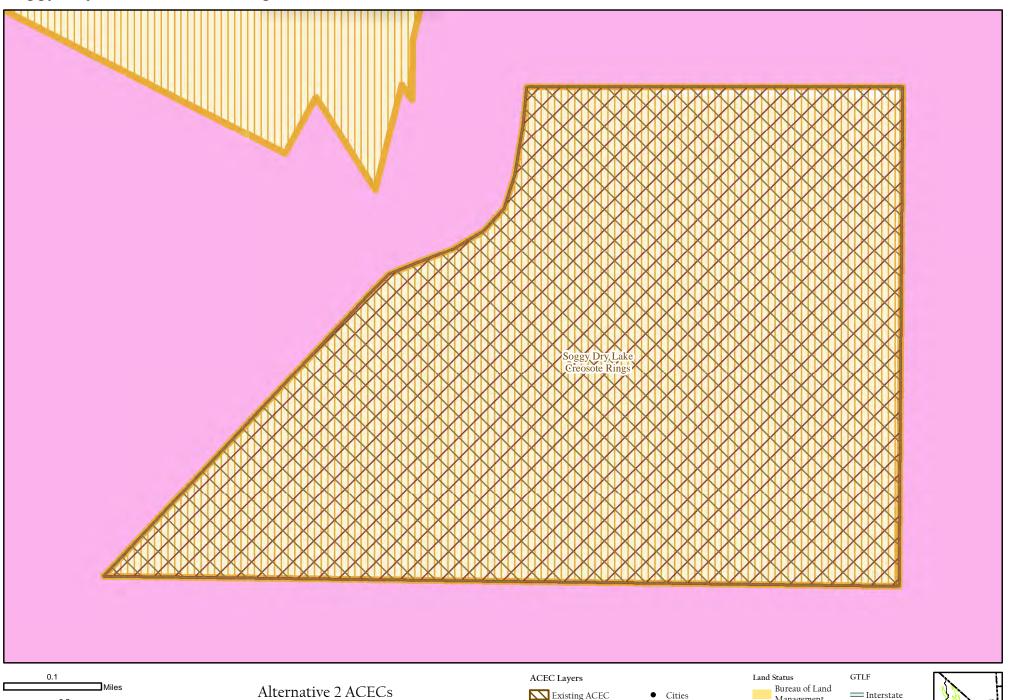
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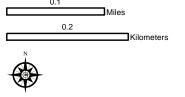


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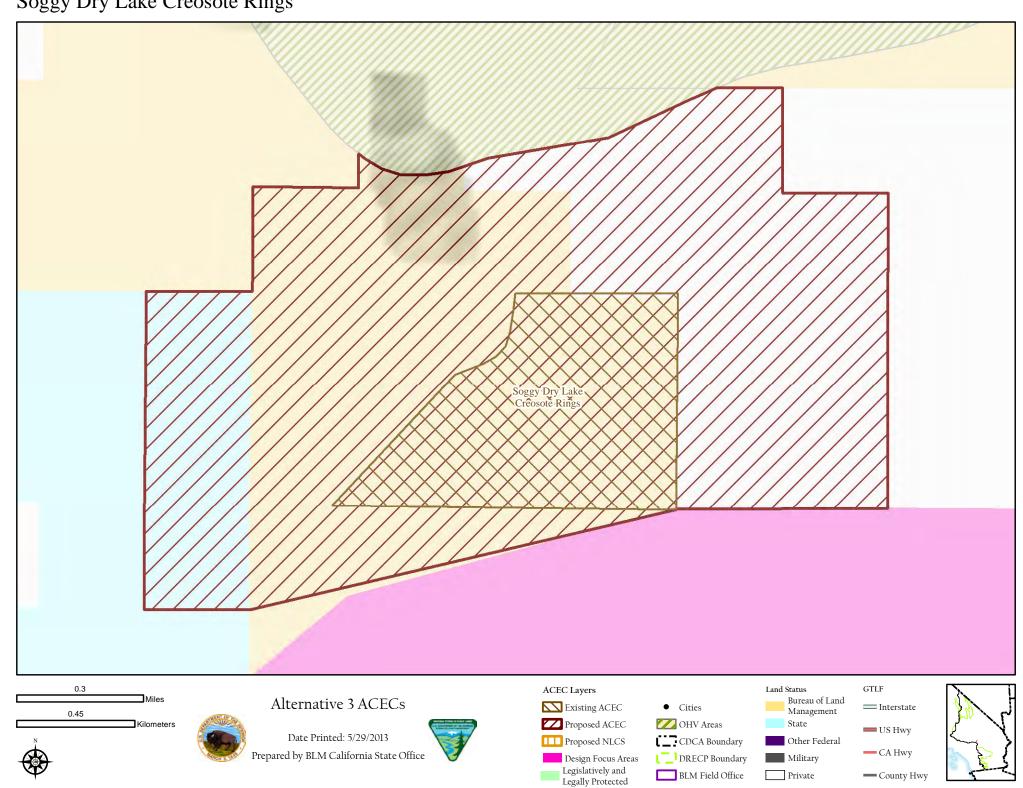
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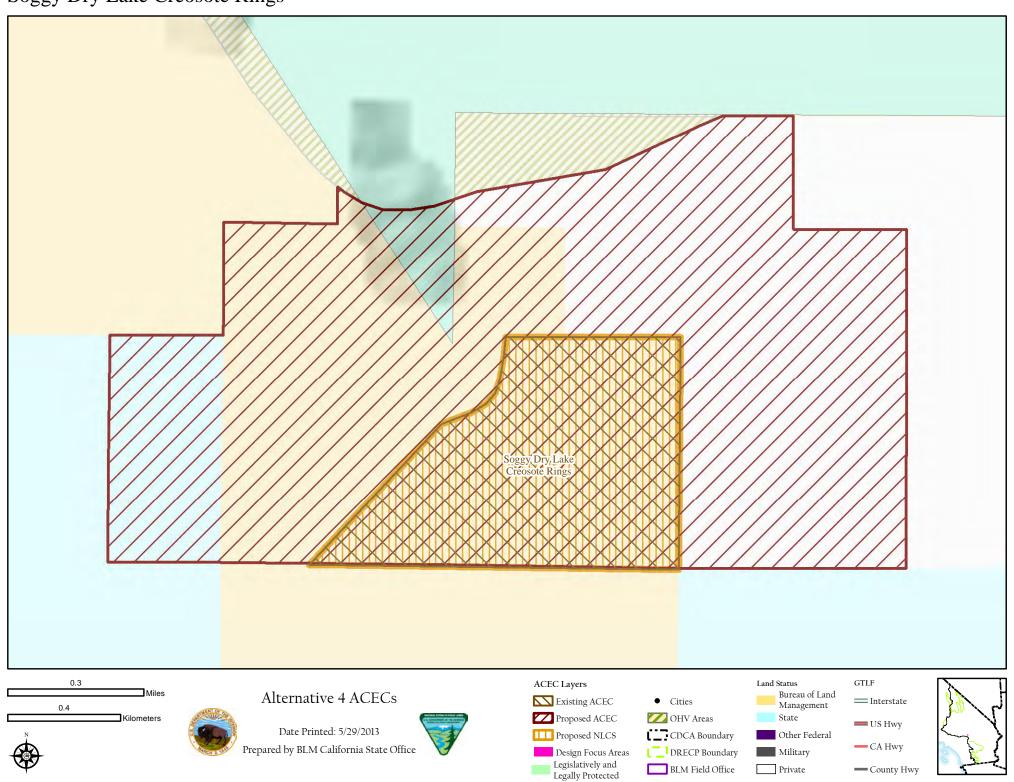
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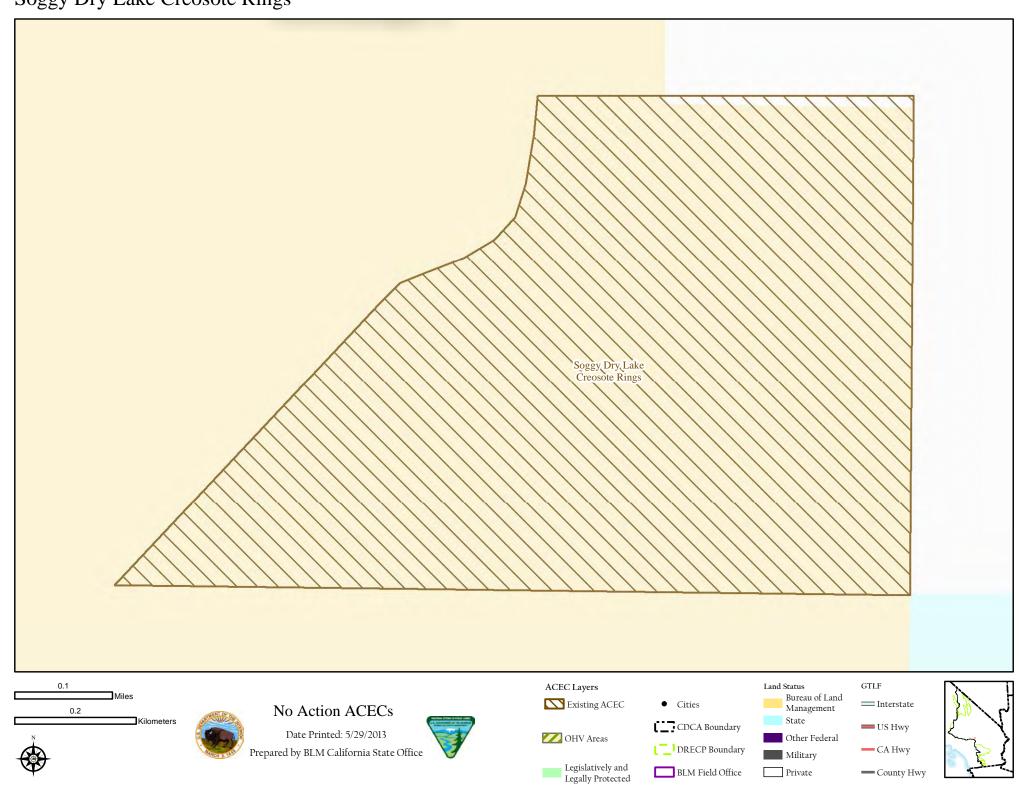
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Description/Location: Located along the southwestern slope of the Fry Mountains in San Bernardino County, California. Access is provided from State Highway 247 by a series of dirt roads.

Nationally Significant Values:

Ecological: Designated to provide protection of an Unusual Plant Assemblage, the yucca rings present within the unit are the largest and oldest Mojave Yucca rings known, with an estimated age up to 2,250 years. The uniqueness, high research value.

Scientific: The uniqueness of the age of the yucca rings represents high research value.

Special Designations/Management Plan/Date: ACEC Plan 46/1982

Relevance and Importance Criteria: Designated to provide protection of an Unusual Plant Assemblage, the yucca rings present within the ACEC are the largest and oldest Mojave Yucca rings known, with an estimated age up to 2,250 years. The uniqueness, high research value, and susceptibility to damage from intensive recreational uses are the principle reasons for designation.

Goals: To increase protection of sensitive biological resources while continuing use of lands for compatible recreational opportunities.

For NLCS Lands: Where this ruleset differs from the plan-wide NLCS rulesets, the more restrictive rules will apply.

Designation and Acreage by Alternative:

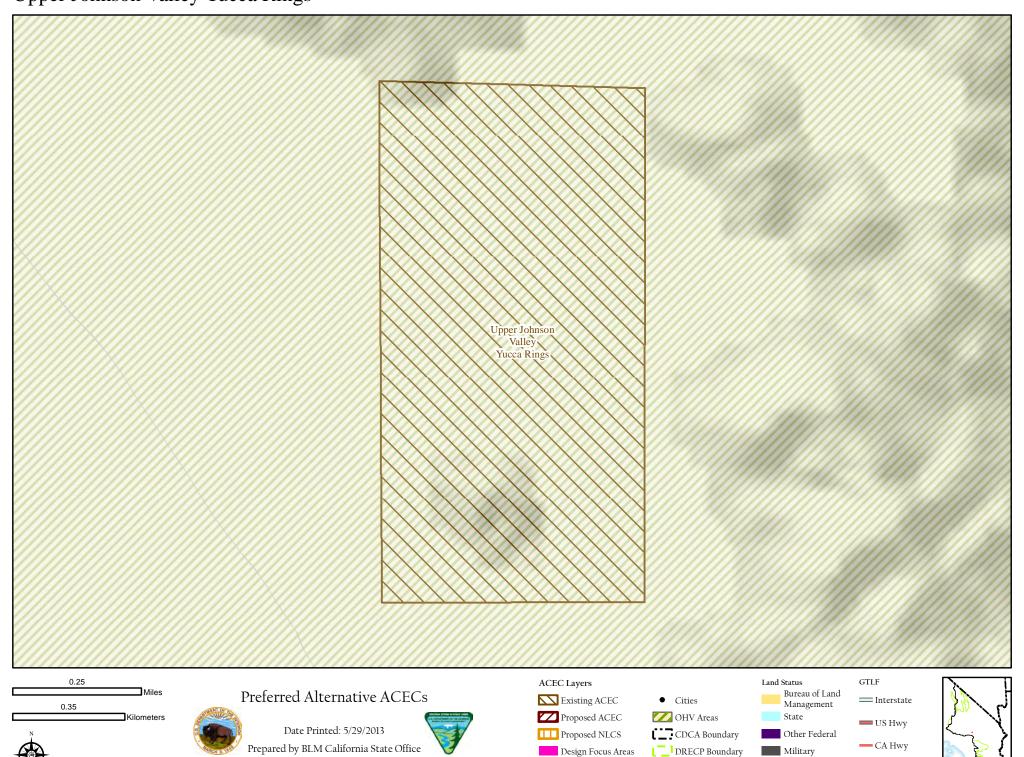
Alternative	BLM Acres of NLCS within ACEC or Wildlife Allocation	BLM Acres within ACEC	BLM Acres within Wildlife Allocation	ACEC Disturbance Cap
No Action	0	300	0	NA
Preferred Alternative	0	300	0	1%
1	0	300	0	1%
2	0	300	0	1%
3	0	300	0	1%
4	0	300	0	1%

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Alternatives:

All Alternatives: this ACEC would continue to be managed as it currently is.

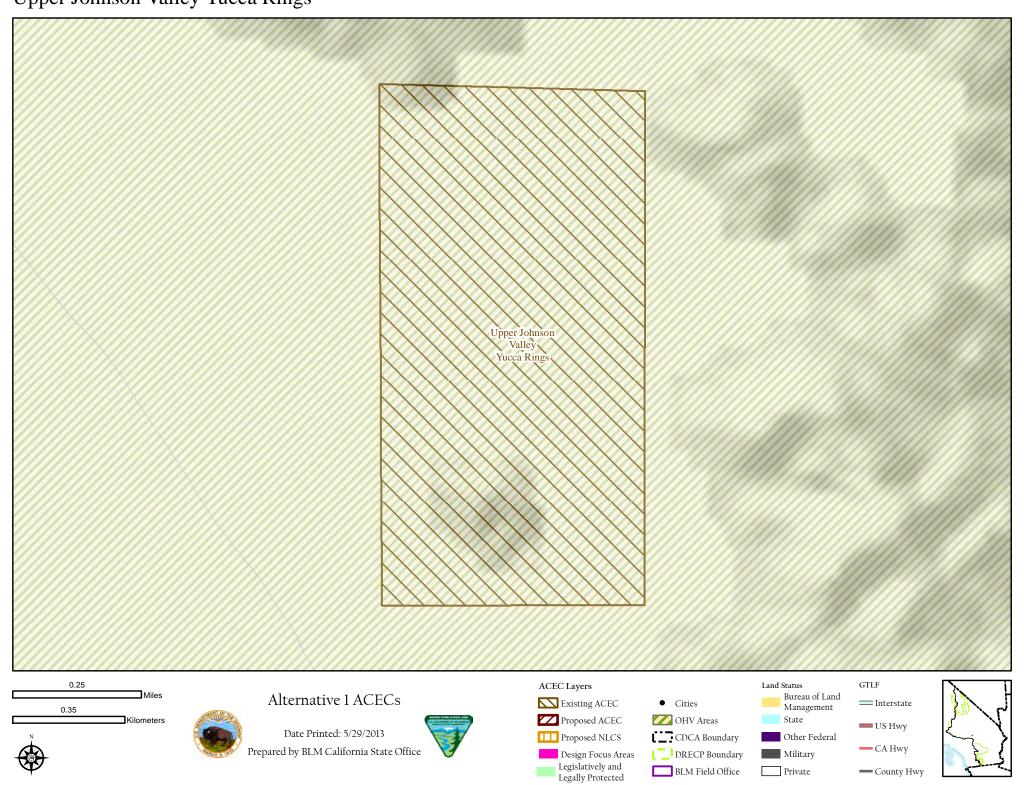
Objectives (desired future conditions)/Allowable Uses/Management Actions	Resource
Objective: Protect sensitive yucca rings	Vegetation - Including
Management Action 1: Fence a specific group of yucca rings covering	special status species
approximately 7 acres	
Management Action 2: Prohibit harvest of vegetation	
Management Action 3: Post interpretive signs	
Management Action 4: Provide continued opportunities for research by BLM,	
scientific institutions, and individuals	
Management Action 5: Implement a monitoring program to evaluate	
protective measures	
Objective: Protect yucca rings from impacts associated with vehicle traffic	Trails and Travel
Allowable Uses: Closed to all vehicle use	Management
Management Action: Maintain exclosure fencing	
Not an allowable use. Renewable energy development is not compatible with	Renewable Energy
NLCS and ACEC unit values and criteria	
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Objective: Protect creosote rings from impacts associated with mining	Locatable Minerals
activities	Mineral Materials
Allowable Uses: No mining claims; No locatable, leasable, or saleable minerals	Non-Energy Leasables
Management Action: Propose withdrawal	



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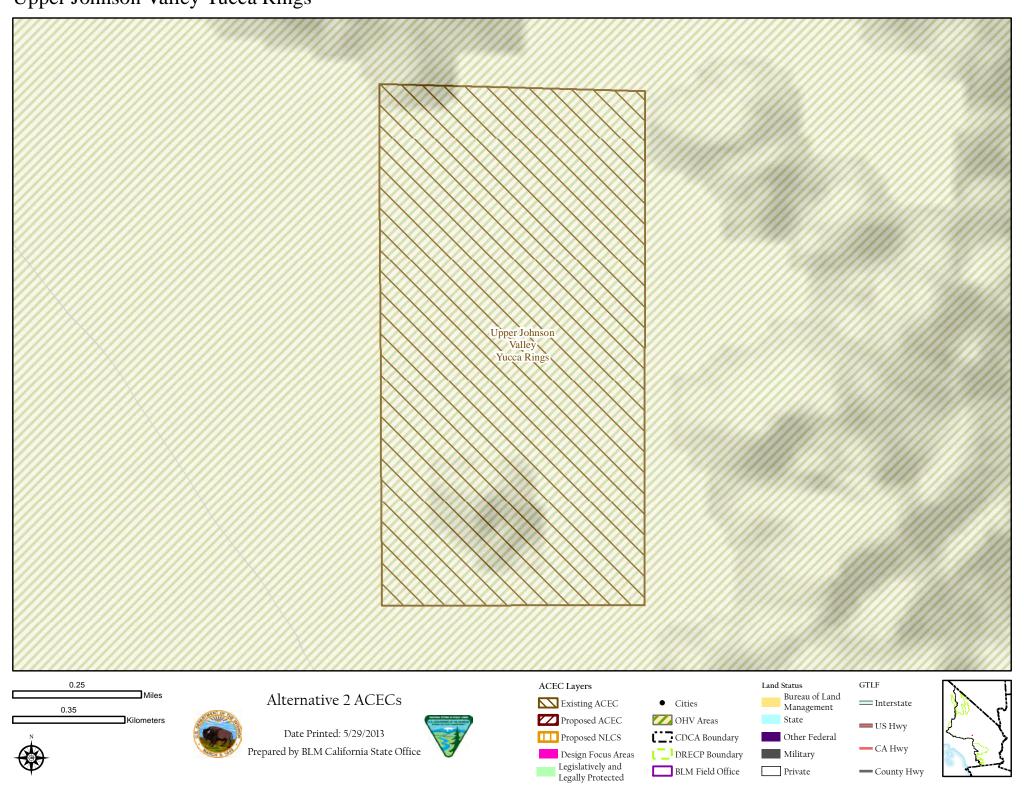
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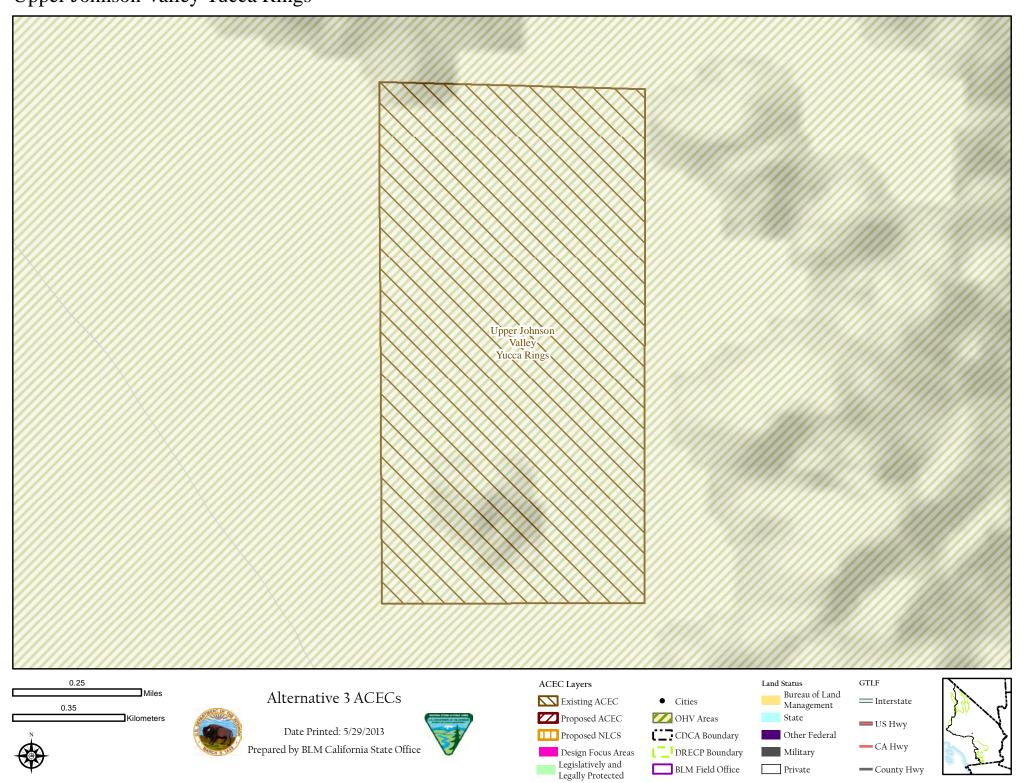
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